Acts Series
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## The Acts of the Apostles "To the end of the earth" Acts 1:8

## "Grace and Generosity in the Early Church" Acts 4:32–37



Acts 4:32, "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common."

Acts 4:33, "And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all."

Luke 21:20, "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

Luke 21:21, "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her."

Luke 21:22, "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Luke 21:23, "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people."

Luke 21:24, "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

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Deut. 15:4, "except when there may be no poor among you; for the Lord will greatly bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance—"

Deut. 15:11, "For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'"

Prov. 14:21, "He who despises his neighbor sins; but he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he."

Prov. 14:31, "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy."

Prov. 17:5, "He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished."

Prov. 19:17, "He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given."

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Acts 4:35, "and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need."

Acts 4:36, "And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

Acts 4:37, "having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."