

TOPICS for Paper: Acts of the Apostles

February 13, 2012

INSTRUCTIONS:

By February 27, you must submit your intended topic for your paper, along with a preliminary bibliography for the paper.

Please see the course WWW site for information on formatting. (I expect serious engagement with scholarly works on the topic that you choose.)

The paper (5-10 pages) is due no later than the start of class on March 26. (Where possible, these should be submitted in [electronic form](#). Accepted formats are .PDF, .DOC, .RTF, .TXT.)

The papers will be marked and returned during the week of April 2.

POSSIBLE TOPICS:

- The theological significance of....
 - a. the literary relationship between the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.
 - b. the use of *peshet* interpretation in the Acts of the Apostles.
 - c. the significance of the feast of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles.
 - d. the literary form of the speeches in Acts 1-7.
 - e. the significance of the Lukan focus on "community" in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.
 - f. the use of the Old Testament and Jewish cultural imagery in Stephen's speech (Acts 7:2-53)
- Or, you may choose a passage of, say, 5-10 verses and provide
 - a. an exegetical overview of that passage
 - b. a concluding reflection on the theological significance of the passage in light of your exegesis.

NB: The verses you choose must be approved by me before you start working on them.