

Acts 5: Same Scenes, New Hands

Acts 5:12-16 (with Luke 6:17-19 and Acts 1:1) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Read Acts 5:12-16 and see if it sounds familiar. Sick people carried out into the streets on cots and mats. Crowds coming in from the towns around Jerusalem. People troubled by unclean spirits. “And they were all healed.” That could have come straight out of Luke’s Gospel, and that’s on purpose. In Luke 6 the crowds came from everywhere to touch Jesus, “for power came out from him and healed them all.” Now they’re hoping for Peter’s shadow. Even the place is the same: Solomon’s Portico, where Jesus walked in John 10. So what do we make of it? The first verse of Acts says Luke’s Gospel was about “**all that Jesus began to do and teach.**” Acts is Jesus still doing it. Same Lord, same works, new hands. And Peter won’t take the credit: “Why do you stare at us, as though by our own power...?” A few chapters later he says it plainly: “**Jesus Christ heals you.**”

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Luke 6:17-19**, then **Acts 5:12-16**. List everything the two paragraphs share. Then read **Acts 1:1** and ask: if Luke’s Gospel is what Jesus *began* to do, who’s doing the work in Acts 5?

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in Acts: **Acts 1:1** (“all that Jesus began to do and teach”) · **Acts 3:12-16** (not “by our own power,” but by faith in his name) · **Acts 9:34** (“Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you”)

Luke’s Gospel: **Luke 6:17-19** (crowds from everywhere, “healed them all”) · **Luke 9:1-2** (Jesus gives the Twelve power over demons and disease) · **Luke 10:17-20** (rejoice that your names are written in heaven)

Rest of Scripture: **John 14:12** (“greater works than these... because I am going to the Father”) · **Mark 6:56** (the sick laid in the marketplaces to touch his fringe) · **John 10:23** (Jesus walking in the colonnade of Solomon)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

How Do Believers Exceed the Works of Jesus?

John Piper · Desiring God (Ask Pastor John audio)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-believers-exceed-the-works-of-jesus>

Short audio on John 14:12: what the “greater works” are and why they follow the ascension.

The Acts of the Risen Lord Jesus

Alan J. Thompson · Themelios (The Gospel Coalition)

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/article/the-acts-of-the-risen-lord-jesus>

Thompson’s summary of his book: *Acts as what the risen Jesus continues to do and teach.*