

Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program
Acts of the Apostle #1:
Introduction: Christ Ascension to the Pentecost

ICSB: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
 NJBC: New Jerome Biblical Commentary
 SBDC: Studium Biblicum Devotional
 Commentary
 SBCB: Studium Biblicum Chinese Bible
 CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church
 JR: J. Ratzinger: Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith

A	Area of Study: Acts 1:2-13, Notes: A1/1-A1/	
B	Overview: Teresa Li	ICSB/NJBC/SBDC/ SBCB
C	<p><u>The Church of the Holy Spirit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven” – the salvific work began by Jesus is carried on by the Church of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the first Paraclete and the Holy Spirit is the second, “who leads you into the truth”. • The Holy Spirit has already begun His work before Jesus’ time. The resurrected Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to His Apostles, showing the new revelations about the Spirit. The Spirit will lead the Apostles and the Church to fulfill Jesus’ salvation initiated on the cross. • The sending forth of the Holy Spirit represents God’s self-giving who manifests Himself in a new way within the Holy Spirit. God’s self-giving begins in creation, transcended in Christ’s suffering, and fulfilled in the commissioning of the Holy Spirit to become the New Heaven and New Earth; a new creation. • The OT foreshadows this important commissioning and a new era in salvation History. • “The Gospel of the Holy Spirit” manifests the Spirit-led Church: 2:1, 2:16, 4:8, 4:31, 7:55, 8:29-39, 10:19-20, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6, 20:22 	<p>Acts 1:1, 2:1-13</p> <p>Acts 1:1 ICSB Jn 14:16, 16:13 DV 4 & 6</p> <p>AG4 Jn 20:22 DeV 42</p> <p>DeV 11-12</p> <p>Rev 21:1</p> <p>Deu 29:2, Ezek 36:25, Joel 3</p> <p>Suenens, <u>A New Pentecost</u>, p 22</p>
D	<p><u>The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus suffered on the Day of Preparation for Sabbath (14th), which is Friday (Jn 19:31); rose on the third day (Sunday), appeared for 40 days after His resurrection, and ascended into Heavens (from Easter Sunday to the Solemnity of Jesus’ Resurrection is 40 days) • The meaning of 40 days 	<p>Acts 1:3-11</p> <p>Acts 1:3</p> <p>ICSB</p> <p>ICSB</p>
E	<p><u>Waiting for the Coming of the Holy Spirit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary prays faithfully with hope as she awaits the birth of Jesus and the Church (the Mystical Body of Christ). She plays a crucial role in the incarnation of Word becoming flesh and the establishment of Jesus’ Mystical Body. • Before the birth of the Church, the prayer of Church’s Mother is revealed when she is under the cross as well as in the Upper Room. • Mary and the Church cannot be separated as Mary is the foreshadowing as well as the fulfillment of the Church; the Church is personified in Mary. The whole of the mystery is concentrated in Mary. 	<p>Acts 1:12-14</p> <p>Acts 1:38 Y2K Eucharist, p128</p> <p>Jn 19:25-27, 34</p> <p>JR, <u>Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith</u>, p 151 Rev 12</p>
F	<p><u>Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of “apostleship”. Why do the positions of the 12 Apostles no longer exist in 	<p>Acts 1:15-26</p> <p>JR, <u>Pilgrim</u>,</p>

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	<p>today's church?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of the modern Church is hierarchical and Episcopal, similar to the structure of the Israelites in the OT. • The leadership and authority of Peter is clearly portrayed in the Acts. 	<p>189-190</p> <p>Acts 6:1-6, 2Pet 1:6, <u>Peter & the Keys</u>, p 82 Acts 1:15, 2:14, 3:1-12, 4:8-12, 5:1-5, etc. <u>(Peter & the Keys)</u>, p 83)</p>
<p>G</p>	<p><u>The Coming of the Holy Spirit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See "C" • Luke's Church, with Mary and the Apostles at her centre , receives the Holy Spirit in unity and prayer; Luke's Church is past down from the Apostles, holy (in prayer and Spirit), one (unity), catholic (Apostles spoke in multiple languages); the beginning of the story of Luke's Church begins in Jerusalem and ends in Rome (Acts 28:28). 	<p>Acts 2:1-13</p> <p>Acts 1:14 JR, Pilgrim, p 61 Eph 2:16-21, 3:6</p>