

STUDIES IN ACTS

Lesson 7

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A LEAP OF FAITH AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Acts 2:43---3:26

INTRODUCTION

I. The witness in Jerusalem 1:1---6:7

A. The expectation of the chosen 1:1---2:47

1. The introduction 1:1-5

2. The internment at Jerusalem 1:6-26

3. The inception of the Church 2:1-47

a. The descent of the Holy Spirit 2:1-13

b. The discourse of Peter 2:14-40

c. A description of the first Church 2:41-47

v. 42 the two functions of the early church

v. 43 "awe"

"apostles"

v. 44 "This is not "Christian socialism" because:

Why were they living off their assets?

v. 46 "in the temple" and "house to house"

NB. "gladness"

v. 47 "favor with all the people"

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NB Progress report

B. The expansion of the Church 3:1--6:7

1. Opposition to the Church 3:1--4:31

a. The occasion 3:1-26

1) The exposition of the miracle 3:1--10

v. 1 "the ninth hour" cf. 4:3

v. 2 cf. 4:22

v. 4 "fixed his gaze" cf. 14:9

vv. 6-10 A description of the miracle

2) An explanation of the miracle 3:11-16

**v. 13 "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"
"His"**

"Servant Jesus"

vv. 13-15 NB the "contradictions"!

v. 16 Whose faith?

3) An exhortation to Israel 3:17-26

Conclusion and application

