

# INVINCIBLE *PROGRESS*

Our Study of Luke's Historical Account,  
"The Acts of the Ascended King"

## THE BOOK OF ACTS

The crucified, risen, and ascended King is *working* for the progress of the gospel thru simple preaching of prayerful disciples to whom God's Spirit is giving power.

This progress can't be stopped, not even by persecution on the outside or by problems on the inside.

# ACTS 21–24

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- Chapter 21 – Paul is arrested in Jerusalem.

Paul defends himself...

- Chapter 22 – ...before the Jerusalem mob.
- Chapter 23 – ...before the Jewish court.
- Chapter 24 – ...before Felix in Caesarea.

# ACTS 25–26

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*Scripture Reading*

## WHAT'S LUKE'S (& GOD'S) MAIN POINT?

# Paul is speaking to a king.

Luke 21:12, “They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.”

Acts 9:15, “The Lord Jesus said to [Ananias], ‘Go, for [Paul] is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.’”

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The gospel can be reasonably explained and defended among the upper crust of society.

# HOW THE GOSPEL CONFRONTS HIGH SOCIETY

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1. The gospel confronts governmental leaders (even wicked ones) respectfully.
2. Gospel messengers must not be impressed with pomp.
3. The gospel message itself doesn't change a bit when spoken to "important" people.
4. The gospel is usually rejected by "significant" people.

# CONCLUSION: WHAT'S YOUR LIFE TESTIMONY?

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1. Explain your religious background.  
*Acts 26:4-11*
  2. Explain what God did to change you.  
*Acts 26:12-18*
  3. Explain how your life has been different.  
*Acts 26:19-23*
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“JUST AS I AM”