
That Acts was a companion book to the Gospel of Luke is witnessed by Luke's words in Acts 1:1-2, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and Page 4 to teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen." Conclusion Though Luke's gospel and the Book of Acts are commonly viewed as two unrelated books, it has been demonstrated textually that they were intended to be connected together as companion books by the author, and that the major themes of each work, along with the geographical-IAU London: 10 Grant Drive, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9RZ, United Kingdom W I could not envision teaching the book of Acts without checking out what Bruce has to say on the text. If you are looking for THE foundational book on Acts, get F. F. Bruce. Read more. 12 people found this helpful. It is no different than with this work on the Book of Acts. This book falls in line with the rest of the New International Commentary on the New Testament edited by Gordon Fee. The NIC is a solid evangelical commentary on the New Testament with the differing opinions stated in the works (see Revelation for example). Dr. Bruce has gone to great lengths to point out the differences among evangelicals in Acts. The commentary itself is full of Greek word studies, historical and geographical points, maps, and solid exegesis of every passage in Acts. The book of Acts is focused on God's mission, as God draws people into his orbit and brings them into his community, and so its spirituality is missional. God takes the initiative using a variety of creative means, and people respond in community to the awesome God who makes himself known in Jesus and by the Spirit. Reading Acts as a Sequel to the Fourfold Gospel. The book of Acts was intended to be a sequel to a plurality of Gospels, which Luke refers to as "many." Thus, to read Acts for all its worth, it is necessary to attend to the connections not only with Luke's Gospel, but also with the other Gospels. This summary of the book of Acts provides information about the title, author(s), date of writing, chronology, theme, theology, outline, a brief overview, and the chapters of the Book of Acts. Author. Although the author does not name himself, evidence outside the Scriptures and inferences from the book itself lead to the conclusion that the author was Luke. The earliest of the external testimonies appears in the Muratorian Canon (c. a.d. 170), where the explicit statement is made that Luke was the author of both the third Gospel and the "Acts of All the Apostles."