

## The Acts of the Apostles – 1

**First Thessalonians 4** <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven, with a shouted command (ἐν κελεύσματι), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then, we who are still alive and remain will be caught up (ἀρπαγησόμεθα — *rapiemur*) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

**Matthew 16** <sup>28</sup> “Amen, I say to you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Luke 1** <sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many (Ἐπειδήπερ πολλοὶ) have taken in hand to set in order a narrative (ἐπεχείρησαν ἀνατάξασθαι διήγησιν) of the things which have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning (ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς) were eyewitnesses (αὐτόπται) and ministers of the Word handed them on to us (παρέδοσαν ἡμῖν), <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed everything from the first (παρηκολουθηκότι ἄνωθεν πᾶσιν), to write to you an accurate account (ἀκριβῶς καθεξῆς σοι γράψαι), most excellent Theophilus (κράτιστε Θεόφιλε), <sup>4</sup> that you may know the certainty (τὴν ἀσφάλειαν) about the words of [your] catechesis (περὶ ὧν κατηχήθης λόγων).

**Acts 1** <sup>1</sup> I wrote the first word (πρῶτον λόγον), Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, haven given instruction (ἐντειλάμενος) through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

**Acts 23** <sup>25</sup> [The commander of the Roman force in Jerusalem] wrote a letter as follows: <sup>26</sup> “Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent (τῷ κρατίστῳ) Governor Felix: Greetings.”

**Acts 24** <sup>2</sup> . . . Tertullus presented his case before Felix: “We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation. <sup>3</sup> Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix (κράτιστε Φήλιξε), we acknowledge this with profound gratitude.”

**Acts 26** <sup>25</sup> “I am not insane, most excellent Festus (κράτιστε Φῆστε),” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable.

**Acts 18** <sup>25</sup> (Apollos) had been catechized (κατηχημένος) in the way of the Lord, and he was speaking, boiling in the Spirit (ζέων τῷ πνεύματι), and was teaching accurately (ἀκριβῶς) about Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly (παρρησιάζεσθαι) in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately (ἀκριβέστερον).

**First Corinthians 14** <sup>19</sup> But in the church I would rather speak five words for the mind (πέντε λόγους τῷ νοῒ), so that I might catechize others (ἄλλους κατηχήσω), than ten thousand words in a tongue.

**Galatian 6** <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, the one who is catechized in the Word (ὁ κατηχούμενος τὸν λόγον) should share all good things with the one who catechizes (τῷ κατηχοῦντι).

**Flavius Josephus, *Against Apion* 1.1** — I suppose that by my books of the *Antiquities of the Jews*, most excellent of men, Epaphroditus (κράτιστε ἀνδρῶν Ἐπαφρόδιτε), have made it evident to those who peruse them, that our Jewish nation is of very great antiquity.

**Flavius Josephus, *Against Apion* 2.1** — In the former book, my most honored Epaphroditus (τιμιώτατέ μοι Ἐπαφρόδιτε), I have demonstrated our antiquity and confirmed the truth of what I have said from the writings of the Phoenicians, and Chaldeans, and Egyptians.