# Key Concepts in Acts of the Apostles

1. the genre of speeches/ the role of interpretation of TaNaK

2. the influence of the Holy Spirit—how the presence of the Holy Spirit changes the apostles/disciples; note Peter and Philip

3. the presence and roles of women: particularly Mary, mother of Jesus; others include Tabitha (Dorcas),

4. the institution of deacons – specifically Stephen

5. the case of Ananias and Sapphira

6. Cornelius/Peter/ the clean and the unclean

7. Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

8. Saul/converted to Paul and his role

9. “Bringing in the Gentiles”

10. Literary style of Luke: dedication of the work to Theophilus; integration of speeches conveying what Luke saw as the significance of the occasion and way of presenting what Christianity is and was to be; more of an influence on history than a strictly historical account;