

Quizzers,

We are moving ever closer to our National Quizzing Competition in July at FUEL '25. I know this year is going to be awesome. I can't wait to see you all Quiz on Acts 1-5!

As you continue studying, I wanted to give you some thoughts about questions, the format, and also to get some information from you.

First, let me get your info! If you have a team, please register at <https://form.jotform.com/251735876331159> . We want to have a general knowledge of how many teams and quizzers we should be expecting to compete before the first day of quizzing, which is Monday at FUEL.

Also, if you are a solo quizzer or coach, or have a team that is "unfinished" (without coach or 3rd or 4th quizzer), still register! We want to be able to put quizzers together with teams and coaches so that everyone who put in the time and effort to study the material will be able to compete at FUEL!

With that out of the way, let's get into the nitty-gritty.

About the large question list: I will not be giving out an exhaustive list of questions before the finals. One of the best ways to get to know the material is to formulate questions yourself! However, because questions can sometimes be weird, I have reproduced below a few questions that are very likely be asked at FUEL, in order to help you write questions. Also, I will give an couple examples of bad questions and why they are bad.

Good

Question number 1, question: About what was the first account?

Answer: All that Jesus began to do and teach.

This question is grammatically correct, and asks a question based out of the facts of the text.

BAD

Question number 2, question: Who was the first account about?

This question contains multiple errors.

- This question is grammatically incorrect. Grammar demands no dangling participles. It should be worded as “question 1” (see above).
- However, is also wrong because the text is not about a “who” but about a “what”.

Good

Question number 3, question: What did she say?

Answer: “Yes, that was the price”

Though people “say” other phrases , there is only one place where “she said” anything. Also, because this question is asking for the content of a quotation, the answer must be verbatim.

Bad

Question number 4, question: what did Peter say?

- This question has multiple answers based on different verses.
- Therefore, this question needs an “according to”...

Question number 5, question: “According to Act 5:8, what did Peter say?

Answer: “Tell me whether you sold the land]for such and such a price?”

Good

Question number 6, question: About three thousand what were added that day?

Answer: Souls

Also Good

Question number 7, question: What sixteen are we who hear them in our own tongues and speaking of the mighty deeds of God?

Answer: Parthians (1), Medes (2), Elamites (3), Residents of Mesopotamia (4), Judea (5), Cappadocia (6), Pontus (7), Asia (8), Phrygia (9), Pamphylia (10), Egypt (11) and the districts of Libya around Cyrene (12), Rome, both Jews (13) and proselytes(14), Cretans (15), Arabs (16)

I put these two questions back to back to show how questions are not simply one level of difficulty.

Bad

Question number 8, question: Who is Theophilus?

- Theophilus is either a patron who paid Luke to write Acts or a name of the reader of Acts that Luke gave his audience. HOWEVER, these details do not appear in the story, and because of the phrasing of question one, it is nearly impossible to write a question with the answer *Theophilus*.

QUIZZERS: I want to note that much of what makes an amazing quizzer is the ability to anticipate a question. You are allowed to jump at any point after I say the second “question”. If you hear “what sixte...” and you jump, then you can and must finish the question and give the answer (maybe in song, as I know one student has done). Practice jumping before the question is done, not waiting until the end! This is make competition fast and exciting, and will help you become a top quizzer.

We aren’t done yet! There are other question types as well:

Both “Quote” and “Finish this verse” questions will be included in every match, ***at least once*** but up to ***four*** times! Memorizing these verses will not only guarantee that you will know at least one question each match, but any question based on those verses you will also know better.

The questions will look like this:

Question number 10, question: Quote Acts 1:3.

Answer: “To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

Question number 12, question: Finish this verse and give the reference: “They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky?”

Answer: This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”” Acts 1:11

Less frequent, but still available question types are “Put in Order” and “Formulate” questions. Put in order will be asked like this “Put the following three things in the order they are mentioned within Acts 1-5. The three things are _____, _____, and _____.”

Formulate question will sound like this “Formulate a question and give a supporting reference for the following answer: The answer is _____.”

If you are like me, the silence of those blanks is deafening, so below are the lists (which I believe are exhaustive) of words that can fill those blanks. The lists are simply in ABC order, which means if you want to know where the items are from, you will need to read Acts.

Put in Order

- A man who had been lame from his mother’s womb
- Ananias
- Annas
- Beautiful Gate
- Caiaphas
- Chief corner stone
- Gamaliel

- Joseph called Barsabbas
- Joseph who was also called Barnabas
- Mary
- Matthias
- Olivet
- Pentecost
- Public Jail
- Samuel
- Sapphira
- Senate
- Son of Encouragement
- Theophilus

Formulate

1. Apostles
2. Brethren
3. David
4. Feet
5. God
6. Holy Spirit
7. Jerusalem
8. Jesus
9. John
10. Judas
11. (The) Lord
12. Peter

13. Prophet(s)

14. The temple

Note, the lists are rather different: the list for “Put in Order” are names, phrases, or words that appear almost exclusively one time, and for certain only in one section. The rule book clarifies that is the **first** mention of a name, so if “Abraham” and “Isaac” were two of your names, it would not matter than Abraham is mentioned again AFTER Isaac the answer would be “Abraham”, “Isaac” and the third item in it’s proper place.

The “Formulate” list, on the other hand, are words that are used multiple times throughout the text (I believe the minimum is 5). It might be a good study tip to choose the verse and question to each of these words beforehand. Also, look at number 13. To clarify, a question would be asked in this way:

Question number 13, question: “Formulate a question and give a corresponding reference for the following answer. The answer is prophet.”

Even though the question says judge, your answer could be prophet or prophets depending on the way you ask your question. All permutations of “prophet” is acceptable. Also, in testing these questions, certain descriptive or possessive words are allowed to be attached to answers. For example:

Question number 14, question: “Formulate a question and give a corresponding reference for the following answer. The answer is Jesus.”

Answer: “According to Acts 1:11, who has been taken up from you into heaven?” Answer, “*This* Jesus”.

This *answer* formulates a grammatically correct question (which is helpful, but not strictly necessary), uses an according to (thus giving the reference) and answers with a permutation of “Jesus”. Certain permutations could go too far. “The mouth of David” is not acceptable as an answer for “David.” “Put in order” and “Formulate” questions will be sporadically placed in matches (usually one in each match).

Finally, I am a big fan of clear rules and clear guidelines: I will be making sure to update and resubmit our quizzing rulebook as soon as possible. If you have any specific questions, feel free to address those concerns with me as soon as possible. The rules **will not** change in

any major way, but we want to go over the rules with a fine tooth comb and clarify any issues that came up last year. We also want to honor our most recent winning teams and all star quizzers.

Quizzers, coaches, those who are reading this far that aren't one of those groups,

Quizzing is a challenge, quizzing is competition, quizzing is *fun*.

But quizzing is also important. The material from Acts shows us the earliest days of the church; quizzing shoves that information into our heads, and the Holy Spirit helps that information then settle into our hearts. A member of my church who is turning 70 soon, can quote Romans 12 from the KJV, because she quizzed on the material at Berean Youth Conference (a precursor to FUEL)

May you not only be blessed by the fun, the competition, and the challenge of quizzing, but may you be blessed by the changes it makes in your life!

May you be blessed by memorizing God's word and drawing closer to him!

May you hide God's word in your heart and come to know the God who sends his power upon us like a violent rushing wind, who will give the world a period of restoration of all things, who will restore the Kingdom to Israel through Christ but who will, until that day, allow healings and signs and wonders to take place through the name of his Holy Servant Jesus.

Question number *a very important one*, question: Who is excited for FUEL?

Answer:

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