

Tracking the Growth of the Jerusalem Church

Reference	Comments	Number	Total	Year A.D.
And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty .) Acts 1:15		120		29
Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls . Acts 2:41		3000	3120	29
Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand Acts 4:4	Only the men were counted. Assuming that each man was married that would be 10,000. If they had children that believed it could be as much as 15,000 – 20,000. We'll use 10,000 as a conservative number.	10,000	13,120	29
And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Acts 5:14	More is unspecific. Since the first number used was 3,000 and the second 10,000 we'll split the difference for an average. This would be 6,500.	6,500	19,620	31
And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7	Here they multiplied. The smallest whole number one can multiply by is 2. $2 \times 19,620 = 39,240$ (Note: after this the disciples scatter.)	19,620	39,240	35
And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: Acts 21:20	The words translated "many thousands" are <i>posos murias</i> . Prosos – many Muiras (myriad) – ten thousands. There were many ten thousands of believers. 2 is a couple, 3 is a few. Many would have to be at least four and likely more.		>40,000 <100,000	57-58