

Acts Chapters 17-28.

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Paul & Silas. 15:40 Timothy & Luke joined. 16:1,10	From Derbe across Asia to Troas. 16:6-8		The Holy Spirit did not allow Paul to go into Bithynia. 16:7. The call was "Come over into Macedonia and help us." 16:9, 10	"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ...." Gal. 1:6
Lydia 16:14; The jailer 16:33 Luke stayed over. 17:1	Philippi. 16:12	Owners of slave girl. 16:19 Crowds. 16:22	Violent earthquake. 16:26	Overseers and deacons were in the church at Philippi. Philippians 1:1. They supported Paul. 4:14
Jason posted bond. 17:9	Synagogue in Thessalonica. 17:1	Jealous Jews.17:5		"You became a model to all the churches in Macedonia and Achaia." I Thess. 1:7
Silas and Timothy remained here.17:15	Berea. 17:10	Jews from Thessalonica. 17:13		
Paul; Dionysius and Damaris be- lieved. 17:34	Athens. 17:16	Epicureans and Stoic philosophers.17:18		
Paul, Aquila, Priscilla Silas and Timothy. 18:1-5	Corinth, 1 ½ yrs. Synagogue. Titus Justus' house 18:7	"The Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him to court." 18:12	"Do not be afraid; Keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you ... I have many people in this city." 18:9, 10	"For such men are false apostles, deceit- ful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ." II Cor. 11:13
Paul, Priscilla and Aquila stop-ped in Ephesus. Taught Apollos. 18:19, 26	From Corinth by Ephesus through Syria to Jerusalem. 18:18 Then to Antioch. 18:22			
Paul returned. 19:1	Ephesus Synagogue Hall of Tyrannus for 2 yrs. 19:9	Some Jews publicly maligned the Way.19:9 Demetrius. 19:38	God did extraordinary miracles through Paul. 19:11. "All Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of God." 19:10	This mystery was revealed that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel. Eph. 3:6

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Paul and seven brothers carried help for churches. 20:4 Paul and Elders from Ephesus. 20:17-38	Traveling to Jerusalem. 19:21; 20:17 Luke joined Paul's party at Philippi. 20:6 Miletus. 20:17	"Even from among your own number men will arise and distort the truth..." 20:30	Paul raised Eutychus from death at Troas. 20:9, 10 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me." 20:22	"On my return I will not spare those who sinned earlier or any others..." II Cor. 13:2 "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Eph. 4:1
Paul, Luke and some disciples from Caesarea. 21:15	Jerusalem in the home of Mnason, an early Christian. 21:16			
Paul and brethren with James and other elders of the church. 21:17, 18	Jerusalem. 21:17	No opposition from the elders, but the believing Jews were zealous for the Law and circumcision. 21:21		
Paul, the Roman citizen. 22:28	Temple. 21:26 Paul was arrested by the Romans. 22:24	Some Jews from the province of Asia. 21:27	Note: Jesus gave the Jews in Jerusalem one more opportunity to repent of being stiff-necked and accept the Gentiles as God's children. 22:21	"It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel." Rom. 9:6

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Paul before the Sanhedrin court. 23:1	Jerusalem	Some Jews formed a conspiracy not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. 23:12	"The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, 'Take courage! As you have testified about Me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.'" 23:11	"For you brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews." I Thess. 2:14
Paul before the high priest, Ananias 24:1	In Caesarea at Felix's court. 24:1 Two years passed, Felix was succeeded by Festus. 24:27	The Jewish leaders hoped to kill Paul. 25:1-3 Paul appealed to Caesar. 25:11		"Remember those earlier days after you received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering." Heb. 10:32
Paul, Agrippa, Bernice and Festus 25:13 Paul, Luke and Aristarchus. Julius, the Centurion. 27:1 Paul and others. Paul with a soldier to guard him. 28:16	Caesarea Mediterranean Sea. Adriatic Sea. 27:27 Malta. 28:1 Rome	The Jews felt, Paul ought not to live. 25:24	"Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?" 26:8 "Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar.'" 27:23 Paul was saved from a snake bite. 28:4 Paul healed Publius' father and others 28:8, 9 "It is because of the hope of Israel I am bound with these chains." 28:20.	"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" Phil. 1:21 "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles' and they will listen!" Acts 28:28

The aim of this series of lessons has been to emphasize the importance of the evangelism program of Jesus Christ. After following Jesus through Luke's two narratives, it is obvious He did not leave His heavenly home to build a better meeting place on earth so His disciples could conduct a better system of worship.

He came to "seek and save the lost." We might conclude that the Lord's church who has not forsaken their first love is still serving the mission of Jesus Christ (Rev. 2:4-6). Since Jesus' "first love" is evangelism, it will be the first love of each congregation of His people. Part V will be entitled "The Result of Our King's Evangelism in Acts."

Questions for Discussion

This chart has been designed to follow Luke's story about God's evangelism by Jesus Christ. It begins with Paul's second missionary journey and ends in Rome. Luke did not introduce new teachings in the remainder of his document, although we can learn many new things. We can learn the geographical locations of where Paul sent letters. We will meet Satan's opposition to Christ and witness the manifestation of the Lord's direct involvement in the evangelism of the Roman world. It is a great story, if we will read it, simultaneously, on the three levels it has been written. See How to Read a Narrative, Part I, Lesson Three. Please start in the upper left hand block with your Bible open to Acts, chapter sixteen. The chart is designed to be read across from left to right. Please note the headings. In the last column on the right you will find excerpts from the letters Paul wrote to the church(es) in this area.

1. Name the last person who joined, but later departed from the evangelism tour of Paul and Silas.
2. Who was directing the geographical part of this trip?
3. Why were Paul and Silas put in jail in Philippi? How did Jesus free them?
4. The churches in Galatia were "cut in on," perhaps, by the Pharisees. Name the two cities where the churches escaped serious trouble.
5. How was the opposition different in Athens?
6. What was the Lord's special message for Paul in Corinth?
7. What method did the Jews use while Paul was on his third preaching tour to upset the church in Corinth?
8. Name the husband and wife team who were faithful to Jesus' mission.
9. Where did Paul spend most of his time preaching on the third tour of Asia and Europe?
10. What was the sad prediction Paul made about the eldership in Ephesus?
11. Paul was on his way to Jerusalem when he stopped over to visit the elders of the church in Ephesus. He and several others were fulfilling a cooperative program the churches had been working on for a long time. What was the program?
12. Even though the foregoing program appeared to be going well, there was another issue that was overshadowing Paul's travels and personal life. What was it?
13. Paul arrived safely in Jerusalem. What body of leaders appeared to be guiding and caring for the church in Jerusalem?
14. How did Jesus give the Jews another opportunity to accept the new covenant in His blood?
15. The mass of Jews listened to Paul give his testimony in Jerusalem about his conversion until he made one statement and things got out of hand. What was the statement?
16. Paul had written the Roman letter before coming to Jerusalem. In his letter he worked to solve a fellowship challenge in the new churches Jesus was building all over Rome's dominion. What was the connection between what he said in His speech that got him mobbed and what he was working on in the letter?
17. In what sense did Paul's coming back to Jerusalem and the things that happened after his arrest become a full circle story?
18. How did Paul know he would finally get to Rome?