

# *Acts of the Apostles*

## *A Bible Study*

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Grace's OASIS (On-line Adult Study in Spirit)  
Class/Discussion

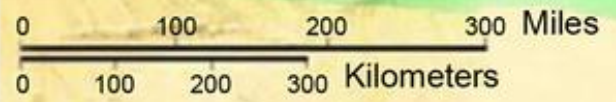
Fall, 2021

WEEK 7: CHAPTERS 16-18



# MAP OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

- ← Paul's first journey
- ← Paul's second journey
- ← Paul's third journey
- ← Paul's voyage to Rome
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"



Lydia & her household believe  
Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail  
Jailer and his household believe

Paul restores life  
to young Eutychus

Paul speaks at the  
Areopagus

Paul & Barnabas  
mistaken for gods  
Paul stoned

Timothy joins Paul  
& Silas

Proconsul Sergius  
Paulus converted

Paul sent to Rome  
to appeal to Caesar

Jerusalem Conference  
c. 49-50 AD

Ship lost in storm  
Paul swims safely  
to shore

appeal to Caesar

# *Mad Dash*

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## Acts 16:

- Timothy is Recruited (and Circumcised). (16:1-3)
- The Holy Spirit Forbids Disciples to Speak in Asia, Mysia, and Bithynia. (16:6-7)
- A Vision Calls Paul to Macedonia. (16:9-13)
- Lydia is Converted and Baptized. (16:14-15)
- Paul Casts a Demon Out of a Soothsaying Slave Girl; Paul and Silas, Accused of Rabble-Rousing, Are Thrown Into Prison; an Earthquake Frees Them. (16:16-40)

# *Mad Dash (cont'd)*

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## Acts 17:

- Paul And Silas Preach in Thessalonica, Joined by Greeks and Women. (17:1-4)
- Jason, A Christian, Is Accused of Rabble-Rousing, But Let Go. (17:5-9)
- Paul and Silas Go to Beroea, but Thessalonians Disrupt Their Teaching; Paul Goes to Athens. (17:10-15)
- Paul Debates with the Greek Philosophers of Athens on the Areopagus (a prominent rock hill north of the Acropolis, where early Athenian councils and courts were held). (17:16-34)
- Paul Speaks of the Athenians' Altar "To An Unknown God"; He Reveals That This Is the God of Creation, the Christian God of Resurrection. (17:23-33)

# *Mad Dash (cont'd)*

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## Acts 18:

- Paul Goes to Corinth, Persuading Jews and Greeks; Silas and Timothy Join Him. (18:1, 5)
- Paul (apparently) Converts Fellow Tentmakers Aquila and Wife Priscilla (Paul was formerly a Roman lawyer); They Later Went With Paul to Syria and in Ephesus, Where They Convert the Learned Jew Apollos, Who Then Preaches Christianity. (18:2-3; 18-19; 24-28)
- The Jews of Macedonia Revile Paul, But Crispus, Ruler of the Synagogue, Believes, So Many Corinthians Are Baptized; Paul Stays 1 ½ Years. (18:5-11)
- The Roman Proconsul Gallio of Achaia (appearing, as it were, in the role of Pilate) Rebukes the Jews Attacking Paul; He Sends Them Off. (18:12-17)
- Paul Goes to Caesarea, Then to Antioch and Beyond, Strengthening the Churches. (18:22-23)

# *Breakout Session 1:*

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- What **jumped out at you** in these chapters?
- Or what **surprised** you in these chapters?
- Or what **inspired** you in these chapters?
- Or what was **new** to you in these chapters?

## *Breakout Session 2:*

1. Why does Paul feel the need to have Timothy circumcised (the reason given by Luke seems rather lame)? [16:1-3]
2. Why (do you think) the Holy Spirit forbids the disciples to preach in Asia? [16:6-7]
3. Why (do you think) Macedonia is so important that the Holy Spirit directs Paul there? [16:9-13]
4. Why does Paul cast a demon out of the slave girl when she is proclaiming that Paul and Timothy are "servants of the Most High, proclaiming salvation" (which is what they are doing)? [16:16-24]

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5. Why do the Thessalonian Jews in particular continue to stir up animosity against Paul and Timothy, even into another city? [17:1-15]
6. In Athens, we see Paul in a major scene (not often commented on): discussing and debating the Word with world-class Athenian philosophers, many of whom agree to consider his teaching. What do you make of this (what are your thoughts)? [17:16-34]
7. Any thoughts on the stories of the Proconsul Gallio or of the Greek Jew Apollos, who is educated by Priscilla and Aquila? [18:12-17; 18:2-3, 18-19, 24-28]



*Next Week (10/31)*

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**Read Chapters 19-20**

**Paul's THIRD Missionary Journey**