

Acts of the Apostles

A Bible Study

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

Class/Discussion: Paul's return to Jerusalem and Arrest

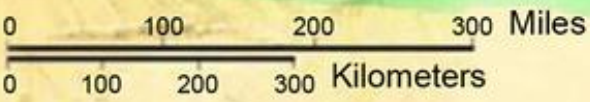
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WEEK 9: CHAPTERS 21-23



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

ITALY
Rome
Three Taverns
Appii Forum
Puteoli
Pompeii
Tarentum
Brundisium
Messina
SICILY
Syracuse
Rhegium
MALTA
Syrtis Minor

ACHAIA
Thessalonica
Philippi
Amphipolis
Berea
Apollonia
Neapolis
Troas
Assos
Mytilene
Smyrna
Ephesus
Miletus
Corinth
Athens
Olympia
Cenchreae
Sparta
Samos
Cnidus
Laodicea
Cyclopes Islands
Rhodes
Patara
Myra

ASIA
Byzantium
MYSIA
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
PHRYGIA
Antioch in Pisidia
Iconium
Lystra
PAMPHYLIA
Perga
Lycia
Attalia
Paphos
CYPRUS
Salamis
Antioch
Seleucia Pieria
Derbe
Tarsus
CAPPADOCIA
GALATIA
CILICIA
COMMAGENE

SYRIA
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
Ptolemais
Judea
Jerusalem
Antipatris
Caesarea Maritima
Alexandria
Memphis
EGYPT
CYRENAICA
CYRENE
Fair Heavens
Lasea
NABATEA
DEAD SEA
Euphrates River
Orontes River
Jordan River

Mad Dash

Acts 21:

- In Tyre, disciples, through the Spirit, warn Paul not to go to Jerusalem (21:1-6)
- In Caesarea, at the home of Philip the evangelist, prophets again warn Paul, through the Spirit, of dangers in Jerusalem (21:7-16)
- Paul arrives in Jerusalem, visits James and the elders, who advise Paul to go through purification rites (21:16-26)
- Paul is arrested at the Temple by Jews from Asia (21:27-36)
- Paul asks to speak to the people who have arrested him (21:37-40)

Mad Dash (cont'd)

Acts 22:

Paul's defense to the crowd:

- Credentials as a zealous Jew (22:1-5)
- Conversion (22:6-16)
- Mission to the Gentiles (21:17-21)

Paul in Roman hands:

- The crowd calls for his execution (22:22)
- Paul invokes Roman citizenship (22:23-29)
- Brought before the chief priests and council (22:30)

Mad Dash (cont'd)

Acts 23:

- Paul stands before the high priest and Jewish council (23:1-11)
- Some Jews conspire to kill Paul; the plot is thwarted (23:12-22)
- Paul is sent to Caesarea to stand before Felix the Governor (23:23-35)

Breakout Session 1:

- 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. The actions of the Holy Spirit:** Why would the same Spirit compel Paul to go to Jerusalem and warn him not to go? What does it say about the Spirit and Paul's mission?
- 2. Resisting the Spirit:** What actions/tools of resistance do you see being used by others to resist the word and acts of the Spirit in these chapters? How does the Spirit respond to this resistance?
- 3. Discipleship vs Citizenship:** What role does Roman citizenship play for Paul? How does that work out?
- 4. Implications for Today:** What does the pattern of witness, acceptance by some and resistance by others, and continuing movement of the Spirit suggest about what we are called to do and to look for today?

Next Week (11/14)

Read Chapters 24-26

Paul's Trial and Defense