

Paul's Three Missionary Journeys

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Class Time: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM, February 7-March 20

Location: Jersey Church, classroom Chapel

Preparation (Week One 2/7/24)

1. When was Paul born?
2. Where was Paul born?
3. What was Paul's religious heritage?
4. What do we know about Paul's education?
5. Did Paul become Saul?
6. How much of the Bible did Paul write?
7. How did Paul die?
8. Do we know where Paul's remains are located?

Paul's First Missionary Journey: 46-48 A.D. (Weeks two and Three 2/14/24 & 2/21/24)

This journey is significant for laying the foundation of Paul's missionary work and expanding the reach of Christianity to Gentile communities.

1. Start in Antioch (Acts 13:1-3):
 - Saul (Paul) and Barnabas set apart for the mission.
 - Commissioned by the Holy Spirit.
 - Sent off from Antioch.
2. Cyprus (Acts 13:4-12):
 - Arrival in Salamis.
 - Preaching in synagogues.
 - Encounter with Bar-Jesus (Elymas) on the island.
3. Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:13-52):
 - Journey to Antioch in Pisidia.
 - Synagogue visit and Paul's sermon.
 - Mixed response, with some opposition.
4. Iconium (Acts 14:1-7):
 - Preaching in the synagogue.
 - Opposition and persecution.
 - Escape to Lystra and Derbe.
5. Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14:8-20):
 - Healing a lame man in Lystra.
 - Mistaken for gods (Paul and Barnabas).
 - Stoning and apparent death of Paul, but he survives.

6. Return Journey (Acts 14:21-28):
- Strengthening the disciples.
 - Appointing elders in the churches.
 - Return to Antioch in Syria.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey: 49-52 A.D. (Weeks four and Five 2/28/24 & 3/6/24).

This journey further extended the reach of Christianity, especially into European regions.

1. Departure from Antioch (Acts 15:36-41):
 - Disagreement between Paul and Barnabas over Mark.
 - Paul chooses Silas as his companion.
 - Journey begins, visiting churches in Syria and Cilicia.
2. Phrygia and Galatia (Acts 16:1-6):
 - Timothy joins Paul and Silas.
 - Circumcision of Timothy.
 - They pass through Phrygia and Galatia, delivering the decrees from the Jerusalem Council.
3. Macedonia (Acts 16:7-17:15):
 - Vision of the Macedonian man.
 - Arrival in Philippi, conversion of Lydia, and imprisonment.
 - Release from prison after an earthquake.
 - Journey to Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens, preaching in synagogues.
4. Corinth (Acts 18:1-17):
 - Arrival in Corinth.
 - Working with Aquila and Priscilla.
 - Silas and Timothy join him.
 - Opposition from the Jews.
5. Return to Antioch (Acts 18:18-23):
 - Sail from Cenchreae to Syria.
 - Brief stop in Ephesus.
 - Arrival back in Antioch.
6. Third Missionary Journey Preparation (Acts 18:23-28):
 - Apollos, an eloquent speaker, learns more about the Gospel from Priscilla and Aquila.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey: 53-57 A.D. (Weeks Six and Seven 3/13/24 & 3/20/24).

This journey marked Paul's perseverance through challenges, including arrest and imprisonment, while still actively spreading the Gospel.

1. Ephesus (Acts 18:23-19:41):
 - Arrival in Ephesus.
 - Disciples of John the Baptist receive the Holy Spirit.
 - Miracles and spread of the Gospel.

- Riot instigated by Demetrius, a silversmith.

2. Through Macedonia and Greece (Acts 20:1-6):

- Travel through Macedonia to encourage the believers.
- Miraculous resurrection of Eutychus in Troas.

3. Miletus (Acts 20:17-38):

- Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders in Miletus.
- Emphasis on his faithful service and warnings about future challenges.

4. Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-16):

- Journey to Jerusalem despite warnings of imprisonment.
- Arrival and meeting with James and the elders.

5. Arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-23:35):

- Tension with Jewish leaders.
- Arrest in the temple.
- Paul's defense before the Jewish council and subsequent transfer to Caesarea.

6. Caesarea (Acts 23:36-26:32):

- Trials before Felix and Festus.
- Paul's appeal to Caesar.
- His defense before King Agrippa.

7. Journey to Rome (Acts 27:1-28:16):

- Voyage to Rome as a prisoner.
- Shipwreck on Malta.
- Arrival in Rome and Paul's interactions with Jewish leaders.

8. Ministry in Rome (Acts 28:17-31):

- Paul's meeting with Roman Jewish leaders.
- Preaching the Kingdom of God.
- Two years of imprisonment but continued ministry.

Apostle Paul Timeline

AD 5 Born in Tarsus as Roman Citizen (Acts 22:3)

20-30 Studies Torah in Jerusalem under Gamaliel (Acts 5:33-4; Acts 22:3)

30-33 Persecutes followers of Jesus (Acts 9:1,2; Galatians 1:13)

33-36 Converted near Damascus/Visits Jerusalem meets Apostles (Acts 9:3,4; Galatians 1:17)

36 Flees Damascus/Visits Jerusalem meets Apostles (Galatians 1:18; Acts 9:26-29)

36-44 Returns to Tarsus (Acts 9:30)

44 Paul & Barnabas visit Jerusalem with relief offering (Acts 11:29,30)

46-48 Paul, Barnabas & John Mark First Missionary Journey to Cyprus and Galatia (Acts 13:4-14:28)

46 Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-21)

49-52 Paul & Silas Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36- Acts 18:22)

52 Visits Jerusalem and Antioch (Acts 18:22)

53-57 Third Missionary Journey, 3 year stay in Ephesus. (Acts 18:23-21:14)

57-59 Returns to Jerusalem, arrested and imprisoned in Caesarea examined by Felix (Acts 21:17-24:26)

59-60 Appears before Festus and appeals to Caesar (Acts 24:27-25:12)

60 Sails to Rome (Acts 27:1-28:14)

60-62 Under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28:16-31)

62-64 Released, Journey to Spain?? (Romans 15:24,28)

64-68 Second Roman imprisonment, martyred (2Timothy 4:6-22)



SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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