**EARLY MISSIONARY ADVENTURES**

The apostle Paul was one of the first missionaries to take the gospel to other cities and nations in fulfillment of Matt 28:18-20. He deployed on three separate mission trips (and perhaps a fourth, but commentators are split on that theory.) The book of Acts records those journeys.

**Paul's First Missionary Journey** (Acts 13-14):

Paul, along with Barnabas and John Mark, traveled toCyprus and Asia Minor, including Galatia. As a result of this trip,churches were established, and the team faced more opposition and persecution.

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey** (Acts 15:36-18:22):

Not only did Paul revisitAsia Minor, but he also preached in Greece (Macedonia and Achaia).

Their main purpose was to revisit, organize, and strengthen the baby churches. Paul also crossed into Europe, establishing churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Corinth.

**Paul's Third Missionary Journey** (Acts 18:23-21:17):

On this journey he preached inAsia Minor, including Ephesus and Greece (Macedonia and Achaia).

Again,Paul revisited churches in Galatia and Phrygia, and spent considerable time in Ephesus. Next, he traveled through Macedonia and Greece, strengthened believers, and faced even more opposition.

Paul's final missionary journey culminated in a visit to Jerusalem, where he is ultimately arrested.

**PAUL WAS A FAITHFUL MISSIONARY. ARE WE?**