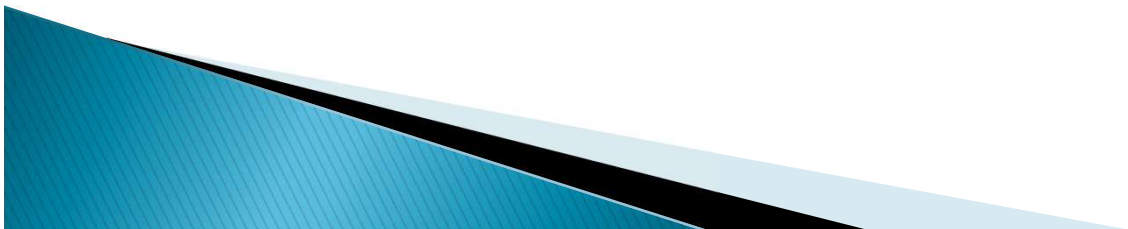




Overview of Third Preaching Trip

- ▶ Acts 18:23–21:17
- ▶ Approximately 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 4–5 years
- ▶ Several companions mentioned
 - Timothy
 - Erastus
 - Gaius
 - Aristarchus
 - Sopater
 - Secundus
 - Tychicus
 - Trophimus
 - Titus



Cities / Provinces

- ▶ Antioch
- ▶ Galatia
- ▶ Phrygia
- ▶ “Upper regions”
- ▶ Ephesus
- ▶ Troas
- ▶ Macedonia
- ▶ Corinth (twice)
- ▶ Troas
- ▶ Assos
- ▶ Mitylene
- ▶ Chios
- ▶ Samos
- ▶ Miletus
- ▶ Coos
- ▶ Rhodes
- ▶ Patara
- ▶ Tyre
- ▶ Ptolemais
- ▶ Caesarea
- ▶ Jerusalem



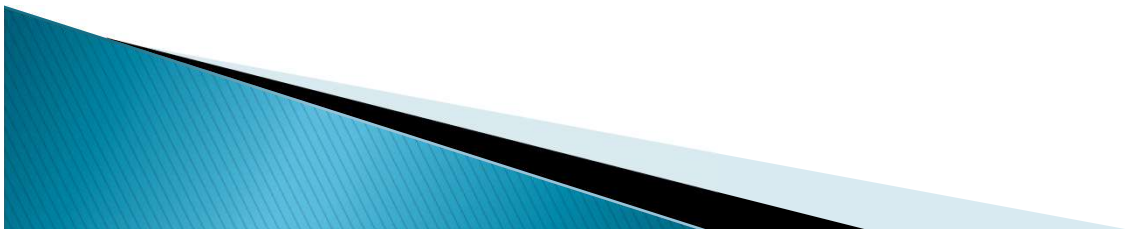
Last week

- ▶ Paul found some disciples in Ephesus who had only been baptized into John's baptism
- ▶ They needed to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus
 - Why?
- ▶ Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus
- ▶ Did they have miraculous spiritual gifts as a result of that?
 - No
- ▶ How did they receive miraculous spiritual gifts?
 - Paul laid hands on them
 - Then "the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied"
 - Consistent with:
 - Acts 8:15–18
 - 2 Timothy 1:6
 - Romans 1:11



Baptism: Does it Matter?

- ▶ Does it matter what the purpose of baptism is?
 - Yes
- ▶ Does it matter what/who baptism puts you into?
 - Yes
- ▶ Does it matter whose authority your baptism is by?
 - Yes
- ▶ Does it matter what the mode of baptism is?
 - Yes



Last week

- ▶ Paul spoke in the synagogue for 3 months
- ▶ But when some were hardened and did not believe and spoke evil of the Way before the multitude...
 - Paul withdrew the disciples and reasoned daily in the school of Tyrannus
 - 2 years
 - “All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord”



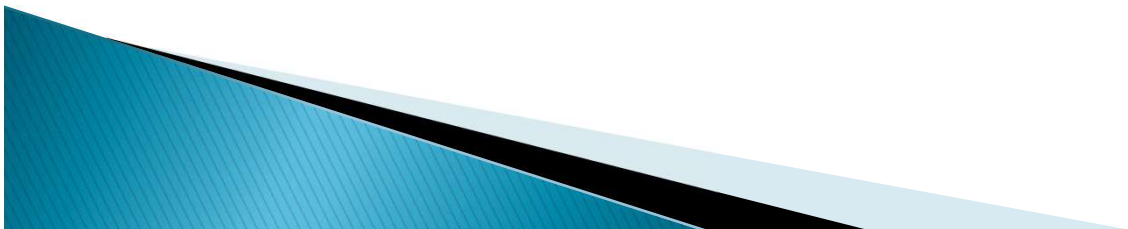
People Movement and Letters

▶ Ephesus

- Paul there 3 years (Acts 20:31)

▶ During Paul's stay in Ephesus:

- Stephanus, Fortunatus, Achaicus come from Corinth (1 Corinthians 16:17)
- News of problems from those of Chloe's household comes from Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:11)
- Timothy sent to Corinth (1 Corinthians 4:7; 16:10–11)
 - (Could be part of Paul's sending of Timothy into Macedonia, with intent for him to go on to Achaia)
- 1 Corinthians written by Paul to the church in Corinth
 - From Ephesus, before Pentecost (1 Corinthians 16:8)
 - Before the great riot in Ephesus (1 Corinthians 16:9; Acts 20:1)
 - Possibly Stephanus, Fortunatus, Achaicus carried the letter based on 1 Corinthians 16:18
- Paul sent Timothy and Erastus into Macedonia
 - Acts 19:22



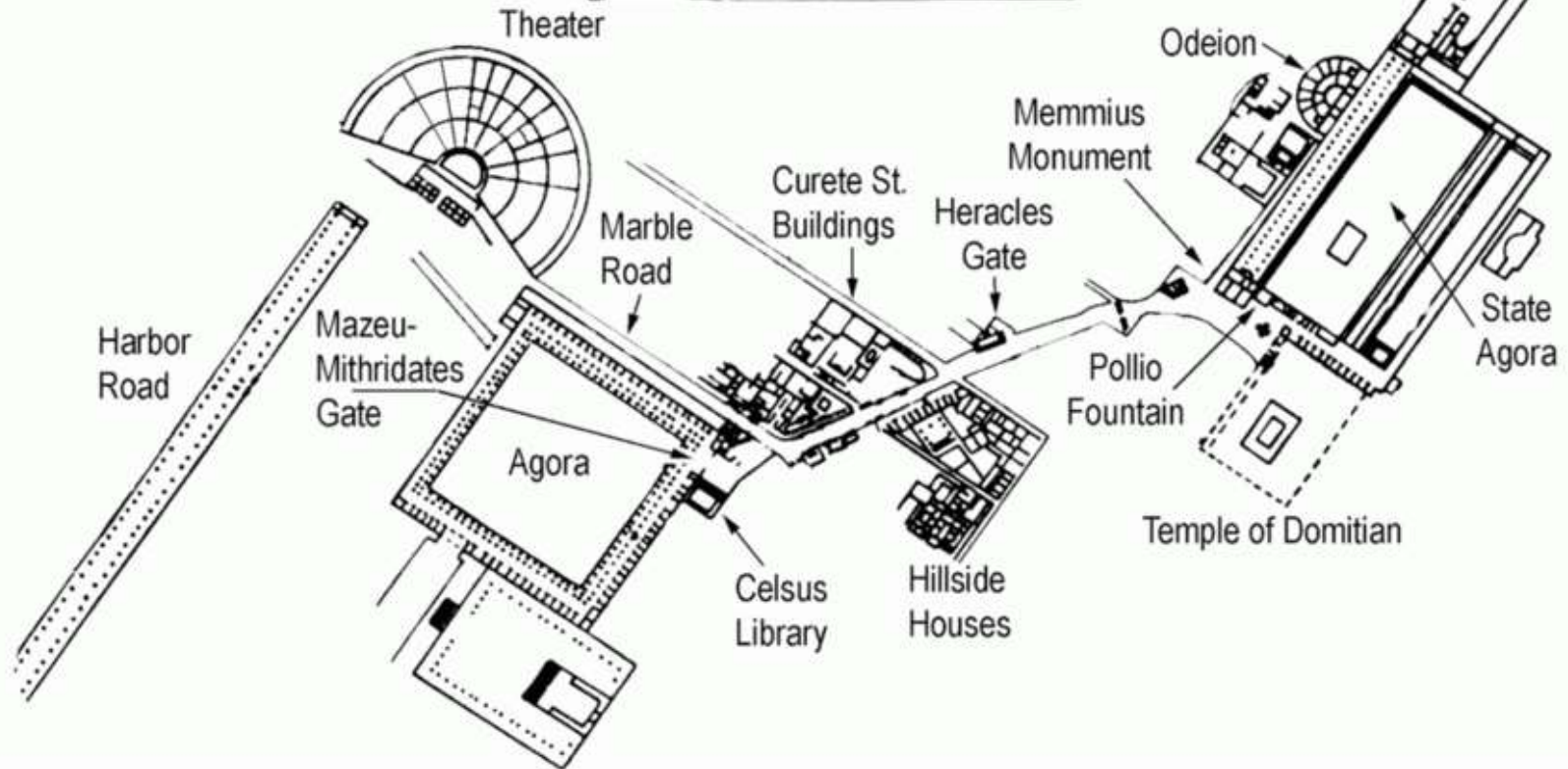
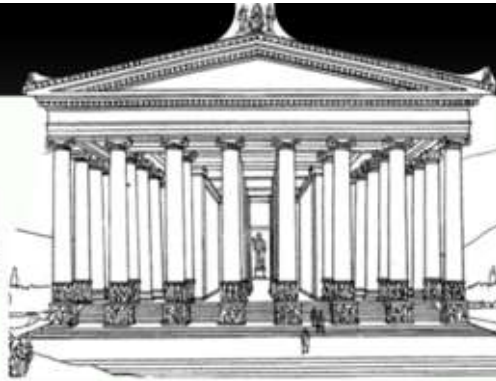
Dating Events in Acts: Working Backwards

Year	Event	Rationale for Date
60	Festus begins as procurator	Historians generally recognized as beginning in 59 or 60
58	Paul brought before Felix in Caesarea	Acts 24:27 – “after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix”. Therefore, backing up 2 years from Festus (60) brings us to 58
May/ June 58	Paul in Jerusalem for Pentecost	His intention to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost – Acts 20:6, 16
March/ April 58	Paul left Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread	Acts 20:6
Late 57/ Early 58	3 months in Greece (Achaia). Winter.	Acts 20:2–3 1 Corinthians 16:5–6 – Paul intended to spend winter in Corinth
Summer/ Fall 57	In Macedonia	Acts 20:1–2. Went to Macedonia from Ephesus, and then on to Greece. If he was able to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost as he intended (1 Corinthians 16:8), then he would not have left Ephesus until at least May/June. Thus, summer/fall 57 in Macedonia
From Late 54/ Early 55 To Summer 57	In Ephesus	Paul in Ephesus 3 years – Acts 20:31; consisting of: 3 months – Acts 19:8 2 years – Acts 19:10 “stayed for a time” – Acts 19:22
54	Upper regions	Acts 19:1
Late 53/ Early 54	Galatia and Phrygia	Acts 18:23 (possibly Spring 54, due to winter travel challenges?)
53	Antioch	Acts 18:23 – “spent some time there”
Before winter 53	Sailed from Ephesus to Caesarea	If Acts 18:21 is Pentecost, then earlier in 53 Would not sail over large bodies of water in the Winter
51–53	Corinth	Gallio proconsul 51–52AD. Acts 18:4,11,18 – Paul in Corinth > 1.5 years

Ephesus

Temple of Artemus/Dianna

One of the 7 Wonders of Ancient World
Rebuilt during life of Alexander the Great
Set Outside the City Walls beyond the Magnesia Gate



Unusual Miracles

- ▶ Compare
 - Matthew 9:20–21
 - Acts 5:15–16
- ▶ Purpose?
 - Confirmed the truth of the message
 - Mark 16:20
- ▶ Traveling exorcists exposed as fake
- ▶ Result?
 - Fear
 - The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified
 - Magnified: profound respect
 - “the name of”: the authority/power of Jesus



Repentance

- ▶ A change of the mind
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 7:9–11
- ▶ Repentance is *unto salvation*
- ▶ *Godly sorrow* produces repentance unto salvation
 - Sorrow of the world produces death
- ▶ Repentance produces fruits



Repentance of the Magicians

- ▶ Confessed and told their deeds
- ▶ Renunciation – rejection – a complete break from – their past
- ▶ Destroyed the paraphernalia
 - Why?
 - Making a full commitment
 - Don't want to relapse
 - Destruction of the paraphernalia guards against the things becoming a stumbling block to others
- ▶ What a powerful confession and repentance!
- ▶ 50,000 pieces of silver
 - If piece of silver = 1 day's wage, then this is 137 years of wages for 1 person
- ▶ Result?
 - Verse 20 – “So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed”



Paul's Plans

- ▶ To go to Rome after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia on the way to Jerusalem
- ▶ Did Paul go to Rome?
- ▶ Read of his intentions when he writes to the Romans from Corinth later on this 3rd journey:
 - Romans 1:9–15
 - Romans 15:22–24, 29–32



Ephesus – the theater seating about 25,000



Diana (Artemis)

- ▶ The goddess Diana
 - Roman name “Artemis”
 - The mother goddess, the nurse of all, a fertility goddess
 - Her temple built and rebuilt several times, dating back to 570 B.C.
 - The temple of Diana in Paul’s day:
 - 377 X 180 feet; 117 pillars 60 feet high
- ▶ Demetrius successful in stirring up the workers, leading to the stirring up of the whole city
 - Their trade was being injured
 - Their religion was in danger



Conflict in Ephesus

- ▶ The preaching of the gospel in Ephesus brought conflict and even riot
- ▶ What was going on?
- ▶ Some were turning from idols to serve the living God
 - The gospel was “hurting” some – verse 24–27
- ▶ Paul later writes to the church in Ephesus, describing
 - Their past – 2:1–3
 - Their salvation – 2:4–10
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 16:9 (supposing to have been written earlier)



The Mob – A Riot Ensues

- ▶ Seized Gaius and Aristarchus
 - Acts 20:4
- ▶ Paul wanted to go in
 - Disciples would not allow
 - Some of the officials pled with him
 - 2 Corinthians 1:8–10
- ▶ Mob mentality
- ▶ The Jews put Alexander forward
- ▶ Two hours of shouting: “Great is Diana of the Ephesians”
- ▶ The city clerk took control
- ▶ Reasoned with them and dismissed the assembly
- ▶ Note: Assembly (“ecclesia”) – v 32, 39, 41

