



Overview of Third Preaching Trip

- ▶ Acts 18:23–21:17
- ▶ Approximately 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 4–5 years
- ▶ Have been to these cities or regions so far
 - Galatia
 - Phrygia
 - “upper regions”
 - Ephesus
- ▶ Now on to
 - Troas
 - Macedonia
 - Greece
 - And then return trip to Jerusalem



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
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Last week

- ▶ We concluded with the riot in Ephesus
 - Demetrius had been 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
 - Gaius and Aristarchus were seized
 - Paul did not go in
 - The town clerk took charge and dismissed the assembly
- ▶ Now this week:
 - Chapter 20:1–16



Leaving Ephesus

- ▶ Paul's concern for the brethren in Ephesus demonstrated
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 1:8–10 possibly Paul's assessment of the riot situation
- ▶ Paul went to Troas
 - 2 Corinthians 2:12–13
 - Door was opened
 - Expected Titus but did not find him
 - No rest in his spirit
- ▶ Departed for Macedonia
- ▶ Paul had intentions at some point to go to Corinth, then Macedonia, then back to Corinth
 - 2 Corinthians 1:15–17
 - He actually went from Ephesus to Macedonia to Corinth then back to Macedonia





To Macedonia

- ▶ Paul goes to Macedonia
- ▶ Titus does come to Paul in Macedonia with good news
 - 2 Corinthians 7:5–7
 - Titus brought good news of Corinth's repentance
- ▶ Churches of Macedonia
 - Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea
 - “Encouraged them with many words” (20:2)
- ▶ Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia
 - Timothy is with Paul (2 Corinthians 1:1)
 - Paul had sent Titus to Corinth, along with others, to gather the gift for the needy saints in Jerusalem
 - 2 Corinthians 8:6, 16–19; 9:5
- ▶ Many believe Paul wrote Galatians about the same time





To Corinth

- ▶ Stayed 3 months (20:3)
 - Planned to be there in the winter (1 Corinthians 16:6)
 - Late 57 to early 58 A.D.
- ▶ 3rd trip to Corinth (2 Corinthians 13:1)
- ▶ Wrote the letter to the Romans
 - Several men are with him (Romans 16:21–23)
 - Paul on his way back to Jerusalem with the relief for the needy saints
 - Romans 15:25ff)
- ▶ Intended to sail from Greece to Syria, but changed plans to return through Macedonia (20:3)
 - Why?




Return Trip – On His Way to Jerusalem

- ▶ Many men accompanied him (20:4)
 - Very possibly messengers of the churches carrying the relief to the needy saints in Jerusalem
 - 1 Corinthians 16:3
 - 2 Corinthians 8:18–21
 - What churches have been instructed regarding making a contribution for the needy saints in Jerusalem?
 - Galatia – 1 Corinthians 16:1
 - Corinth – 1 Corinthians 16:1
 - Macedonia – 2 Corinthians 8:1



Accompanied Paul

- ▶ Sopater of Berea
 - Possibly Sosipater of Romans 16:21
 - ▶ Aristarchus of Thessalonica
 - Acts 19:29 – Had been seized in Ephesus riot
 - Acts 27:2 – Traveled with Paul to Rome
 - Colossians 4:10 – fellow prisoner
 - Philemon 24 – fellow laborer
 - ▶ Secundus of Thessalonica
 - ▶ Gaius of Derbe
 - Not to be confused with Gaius the Macedonian – Acts 19:29
 - ▶ Tychicus
 - Colossians 4:7 – with Paul in Rome
 - Titus 3:12 – possibly will be sent to Crete
 - 2 Timothy 4:12 – Paul sent him to Ephesus
 - Ephesians 6:21 – being sent to Ephesus
 - ▶ Trophimus
 - Acts 21:29 – a Gentile from Ephesus
 - 2 Timothy 4:20 – at some point later, Paul left him in Miletus sick
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Sailing Across the Aegean



To Troas

- ▶ Verses 4&5
 - Many who accompanied Paul went on ahead to Troas
 - from Achaia, or
 - From Macedonia
- ▶ Paul and Luke went by land through Macedonia
- ▶ From Philippi, they sailed to Troas to meet up with the others (20:5–6)
- ▶ Left Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread
 - March/April
 - Remember Paul writing to Corinth from Ephesus that he would remain in Ephesus until Pentecost (May/June)?
 - 1 Corinthians 16:8
 - This is about 1 year later



On the First Day of the Week...

- ▶ Troas: “where we stayed seven days”
 - Even though Paul is “hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost” (Acts 20:16)
- ▶ “On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight”
- ▶ “break bread”
 - Can mean common meal – Acts 2:46, but that does not fit the context and meaning of Acts 20:7
 - Lord Supper – 1 Corinthians 10:16
 - Acts 2:42
- ▶ The disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread

