



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



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





Sailing Across the Aegean



Last Week

- ▶ 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



The First Day of the Week

▶ Its significance

- The day the Lord Jesus was raised from the dead
 - Mark 16:9
- The church established
 - Isaiah 2:2
- The day that the gospel was preached, beginning in Jerusalem
 - Acts 2
 - Isaiah 2:3

▶ A day already established by teaching

- 1 Corinthians 16:1–2
 - Not just Corinth, but also Galatia
 - 1 Corinthians 4:17

▶ No other day singled out in Acts regarding worship

- Not to be confused with Paul reasoning with Jews on the Sabbath to teach them the gospel of Jesus Christ



The Events of Acts 20:7–13

- ▶ The disciples came together on the first day of the week to eat the Lord's Supper
- ▶ Paul intended to depart the next day
- ▶ Paul preached to them, continuing until midnight
- ▶ Eutychus fell from the 3rd story window
- ▶ Paul went down, fell on him, and embraced him...
- ▶ Paul came up, ate, talked a long while until daybreak, and then departed
- ▶ Others had gone ahead to the ship to sail to Assos where they were to pick up Paul (verse 13)



From Troas to Miletus

- ▶ Troas and Assos on opposite sides of a peninsula
 - 20 miles apart by foot
 - 40+ miles by ship around the coastline and cape



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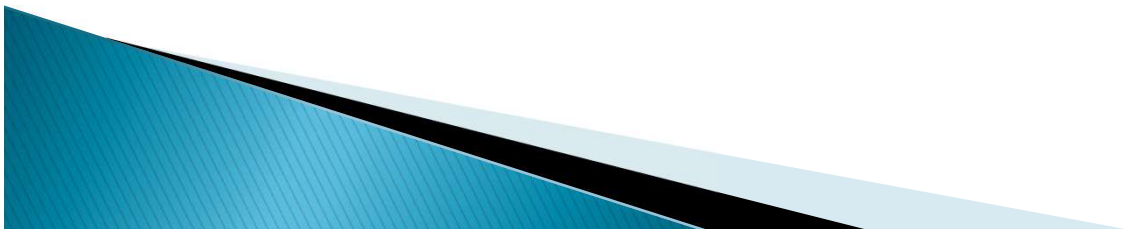
Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Trogyllium, Miletus

- ▶ From Mitylene – next day came opposite Chios
- ▶ Next day arrived at Samos; stayed at Trogyllium
- ▶ Next day came to Miletus



Meeting with the Elders from Ephesus

- ▶ Reminders, Instructions, Warnings, and Exhortations
- ▶ “You know...what manner I always lived among you”
- ▶ Paul’s example!
 - Serving the Lord
 - with all humility
 - With many tears and trials



Paul's Example

- ▶ Kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you
 - Publicly
 - House to house
- ▶ Testifying to Jews & Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ
- ▶ Not moved by these things
 - Trial awaits him in Jerusalem
 - Chains and tribulation
 - But the outcome?
 - Unknown



Paul's Example

- ▶ Does not count his life dear to himself
 - Revelation 12:11
- ▶ Determined to finish his race (course) and the ministry
 - Acts 26:16–18
- ▶ Did not shun – avoid declaring – to the Ephesians the whole counsel of God
 - Therefore:
 - Innocent

