

The Journey to Rome



The Appian Way – one of the earliest and strategically most important Roman roads of the ancient republic



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To Rome

- ▶ Syracuse
- ▶ Rhegium
- ▶ Puteoli
 - Brethren...7 days
- ▶ Brethren in Rome met Paul at Appii Forum and Three Inns
 - Huge impact on Paul
- ▶ Paul's liberty



Meeting with Jewish Brethren

- ▶ Initiative
- ▶ Romans 10:1
- ▶ Attitude
- ▶ Bound “for the hope of Israel”
 - Acts 23:6; 26:6–7
 - No cause for putting him to death
 - Lysias, Felix, Festus, Agrippa
 - But “when the Jews objected” – 25:9
- ▶ Jewish leaders desire to know “concerning this sect”
 - 24:5, 14
 - But not a split-off of Jewish religion
 - Rather, the fulfillment of their religion



A Teaching Opportunity

- ▶ Explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening
- ▶ Kingdom of God
 - Jesus, the church, Colossians 1:13
- ▶ Goal?
 - Conviction & obedience



Teaching Results

- ▶ Mixed
- ▶ Separation
 - Matthew 10:34–39
- ▶ Why?
 - Isaiah 6:9–10
 - Dull = made fat, shut; shut minds to the truth
 - Willful blindness
 - Willful deafness
 - Condition of their own heart
 - If they understood, heard, and saw, they would have to change from the pleasures of sin, selfish living, and wicked ways
- ▶ Many don't want to obey, don't want to repent.
Pride, prejudice.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18–25



Teaching Results

- ▶ Some disbelieved. Why?
- ▶ Not because
 - Gospel false
 - Gospel cannot be understood
 - Lack of evidence
 - Not eloquent enough
 - Unconditional election
- ▶ Indeed, the claim may be
 - Evidence is weak
 - Presentation poor
- ▶ Why? Condition of their own heart
- ▶ Therefore: Go to those who will hear
 - Acts 13:46; 18:6



Two Years

- ▶ Prisoner in his own rented house
- ▶ “received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him”
- ▶ Philippians 1:13; 4:22



Various Companions of Paul During These Years

- ▶ Luke
- ▶ Timothy
- ▶ Mark
- ▶ Aristarchus
- ▶ Demas
- ▶ Epaphrus
- ▶ Tychicus
- ▶ Onesimus
- ▶ Epaphroditus
- ▶ Justus



Letters Written During Imprisonment

- ▶ Ephesians
- ▶ Philippians
- ▶ Colossians
- ▶ Philemon



Beyond Acts 28?

- ▶ Paul had anticipated release
 - Philippians 1:26, 2:24
 - Philemon 22
- ▶ It is thought he was set free, and that possibly for 5 years
- ▶ Possibly traveled to
 - Philippi
 - Ephesus (left Timothy there) (2 Timothy 1:18)
 - Macedonia (1 Timothy 1:3)
 - Crete (Titus 1:5)
 - Miletus (2 Timothy 4:20)
 - Troas (2 Timothy 4:13)
 - Nicopolis (Titus 3:12)
- ▶ It is thought he was imprisoned again 67–68 AD
 - Wrote 2 Timothy
 - 2:9 – chained
 - 4:1ff – get the sense of his situation
- ▶ Thought to have been beheaded 68 AD

