

The Book of Acts; Lesson #10
The Third Missionary Journey
(Acts 18:24-21:15) (Map on Screen)

Memory Verse

Acts 20:24 (NKJV) “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

Ephesus: Part 1

Ministry of Apollos

Acts 18:24–28 (NKJV) Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;²⁸ for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

***1 Corinthians 3:5–6 (NKJV)** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

Twelve Disciples

Acts 19:1–7 (NKJV) And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples² he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”³ And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”⁴ Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all.

Ephesus: Part 2

Acts 19:8–10 (NKJV) And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

The Sons of Sceva

Acts 19:13–20 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.”¹⁴ Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”¹⁶ Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.¹⁷ This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.¹⁸ And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.¹⁹ Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Acts 19:21 (NKJV)²¹ When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.”

Collection for the Saints

***Romans 15:25–26 (NKJV)** But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.²⁶ For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:1–4 (NKJV) Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:² On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.³ And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.⁴ But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

The Riot at Ephesus

Acts 19:23–29 (NKJV) And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.²⁴ For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen.²⁵ He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.²⁶ Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

²⁷ So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship.”

²⁸ Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!”²⁹ So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions.

Troas Eutychus

Acts 20:7–12 (NKJV) Now 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. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. 9 And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, “Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him.” 11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. 12 And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

***Acts 2:46 (NKJV)** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Miletus

Acts 20:15–16 (NKJV) We sailed from there, and the next day came opposite Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next day we came to Miletus.¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

Paul's Farewell Exhortation

Acts 20:17–20 (NKJV) From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, **read to verse 37**

Tyre and Caesarea

Acts 21:1–6 (NKJV) Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.² And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.³ When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo.⁴ And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.⁵ When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed.⁶ When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home.

Revelation of Jesus' Death

Matthew 16:21–23 (NKJV) From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!”

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”