

THE LIFE OF PAUL

LESSON X

THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

PART III (Corinth to Jerusalem)

1. Paul had planned to sail from Greece to Jerusalem. In fact, what did he do and why? Acts 20:2-3 **(Acts 20:2-3 - Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.)**
2. Who are Paul's companions at this time in his journey? Acts 20:4-5 **(Acts 20:4-5 - And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia-- also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.) Sopater, Aristarchus, Secudus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychicus, Trophimus and Luke.**
3. Where was the party's first destination? Acts 20:4-5 **(These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.)**
4. Why do you think Paul lagged behind in Macedonia Acts 20:5 **(Acts 20:6 - But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.) Why Paul went to Philippi for the Day of Unleavened Bread is not stated. We can only speculate. Paul had a special bond to the church of Philippi, due to their devotion and support of his work for the Lord (Phi. 4:13-19).**
5. How long did it take Paul to sail to Troas? How many days did the party spend in Troas? **(But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.)**
6. When did Paul plan to reach Jerusalem? How many days of travel did that give him to reach Jerusalem from Philippi? Acts 20:6,16 **(Acts 20:16 - 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 desired to be in Jerusalem for the Pentecost and since he had stayed at Philippi through the Days of Unleavened Bread, the week following the Passover, Paul had only 42 days left to reach Jerusalem.**
7. How many days did Paul have left to reach Jerusalem, when he departed from Troas? Acts 20:6-7 **Since it took Paul five days to get from Philippi to Troas and since he spent seven days in Troas, in order to take of the Lord's supper, Paul only had thirty days left to get to Jerusalem for the Pentecost.**
8. What startling event took place in Troas? Acts 20:7-12 **(Acts 20:7-16 - 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. There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. 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. But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life**

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is in him." Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.)

9. The congregation of saints went back to the assembly room, ate and talked a long while, even to the break of day. Do you think it was a miracle that Eutychus was still alive? Acts 20:9-12 **(Acts 20:9-12 - 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. But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.)** I think it was a miracle.
10. What day of Paul's stay in Troas did the first day of the week fall on? Acts 20:11 **(Acts 20:11 - Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.)** Since Paul stayed for seven days (Acts 20:6), it must have been the seventh day of his visit.
11. How did Paul reach Assos? How did the rest of his party get to Assos? How far was Assos from Troas? Acts 20:13 **(Acts 20:13 - Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had given orders, intending himself to go on foot.)** It was about 20 miles to Assos from Troas.
12. Where did the party sail to after picking Paul up at Assos? Why do you think Paul wanted to walk, rather than to sail to Assos? Acts 20:14-15 **(Acts 20:14-15 -And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. 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.)** I think Paul probably wanted some time for meditation and perhaps he thought he might meet someone whom he could teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.
13. Who does Paul send for from Ephesus while in port at Miletus? Why didn't he send for them while docked in Trogyllium, since the party tarried there? Why didn't they stop at Ephesus when sailing by that city, instead of waiting in Miletus? Acts 20:16-17 **(Acts 20:16-17 - 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. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.)** Paul sailed past Ephesus because he was in such a hurry to get to Jerusalem. He evidently feared that if he stopped at Ephesus, he would be compelled to go to other churches in Asia. Trogyllium was about 20 miles south of Ephesus while Miletus was 30 miles south of Ephesus. Paul may have been limited to where he could spend some time because of the schedule of the ship on which he was traveling.
14. Summarize Paul's advice to the Ephesian elders. Acts 20:17-35 **(Acts 20:17-35 - From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. 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, "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. "And**

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see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. "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. "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'")

15. Where does the party then travel? Acts 21:1 (**Acts 21:1 - 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.**)
16. What does the party do at Patara? Acts 21:2 (**Acts 21:2 - And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.**)
17. Follow the party's travel to Tyre. Why did the ship put in at Tyre? Acts 21:3 (**Acts 21:3 - 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.**) The ship sailed to the south of Cyprus because it had to unload cargo at Tyre. This was the shortest route to the ships destination.
18. How long did the party stay at Tyre? Why did they stay at Tyre? What did the disciples have to say to Paul, while at Tyre? Acts 21:4 (**Acts 21:4 - And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.**)
19. Did the disciples at Tyre tell Paul anything he didn't already know? Acts 20:22-23 (**Acts 20:22-23 - "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.**) Paul knew that he would be in chains and tribulations in Jerusalem, but since we do not know what the saints at Tyre told Paul, we don't know if Paul learned more details about the future in Jerusalem or not.
20. How did the disciples send Paul on his way? Acts 21:5 (**Acts 21:5 - 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.**)

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21. How much time did the missionary party spend in Ptolemais? Acts 21:7 (**Acts 21:7 - And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day.**)
22. Where did they go next and in whose house did they stay? What was unusual about their host's four daughters? Acts 21:8-9 (**Acts 21:8-9 - On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.**) They went to Caesarea and stayed with Philip, one of the seven men chosen to serve the Hellenist widows (Acts 6:1-5). Philip's daughter were prophetesses.
23. Who joined Paul in Caesarea? What do we know about Agabus from an earlier event? Acts 21:10; 11:28 (**Acts 21:10 - And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.**) Agabus had prophesied about the famine that would take place at the time of Claudius Caesar. Paul and Barnabas took relief from the church of Antioch to Judea during that time, as a result of Agabus' prophesy.
24. What was Agabus' prophesy this time? Acts 21:10 (**Acts 21:11 - When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'**")
25. What did the party traveling with Paul and the people in Philip's house do when they heard the prophesy from Agabus? Acts 21:12 (**Acts 21:12 - Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.**)
26. How did Paul respond to the people? Acts 21:13-14 (**Acts 21:13-14 - Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."** So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done.")
27. Where does Paul's party then go? How do they get there? Acts 21:15 (**Acts 21:15 - And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem.**) Some think that because the scripture says that they packed, that they went by carriage.