WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Gospel makes its way into Macedonian – Part 1

(ACTS 16)

Review of our previous study:

- Paul, Barnabas, and others traveled to Jerusalem to resolve the issue of circumcising Gentile Christians. (Acts 15:4 – 21)
- Paul & Barnabas were accompanied by men from Jerusalem as they returned back to Antioch to deliver the epistle from the Apostles and elders. (Acts 15:22 – 35)
- Before beginning Paul's second missionary journey, a sharp disagreement arose between Paul & Barnabas leading them to divide up into two mission teams. (Acts 15:36 – 41)

In this study:

- The Gospel makes its way into Macedonian (Acts 16)
- Timothy Joins Paul and Silas (Acts 16:1 – 5)
- The Macedonian Call (Acts 16:6 – 10)
- The Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:11 – 15)
- Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16 – 24)
- The Philippian Jailer Converted (Acts 16:25 – 34)
- Paul and the others are released from prison! (Acts 16:35 – 40)

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

ACTS 16:1 – 5

Acts 16:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

119
THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
ACTS 13:4–14:28
City
Paul's routes
Via Sebaste
N
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
GALATIA
MYSIA
ASIA
Paul encounters intense Jewish opposition to the gospel
Paul and Barnabas flee Iconium after a plot to kill them
Halys R.
Caesarea (Mazaca)
CAPPADOCIA
Hermus R.
Chios
Smyrna
LYDIA
Sardis
Ephesus
Antioch in Pisidia
LYCAONIA
Paul and Barnabas mistaken for gods
Paul continues journey after being stoned in Lystra
Samos
Maeander R.
Laodicea
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
Iconium
COMMAGENE
Miletus
Colossae
CARIA
Lystra
Derbe
CILICIA
Taurus Mountains
Patmos
PAMPHYLIA
Halicarnassus
Tarsus
Issus
Cos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Attalia
Perga
Seleucia Tracheotis
Antioch
Aleppo
Rhodes
Patara
Seleucia Pieria
Rhodes
SYRIA
Orontes R.
Salamis
Hamath
Crete
Cyprus
The church at Antioch sends Paul and Barnabas on missionary work
Paphos
Tripolis
Palmyra (Tadmor)
Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted
Damascus
Tyre
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

120
THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
ACTS 15:36–18:32
City
Mountain peak
Via Egnatia
Pass
Route of Paul and Silas
Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea
Paul imprisoned
Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia
Luke joins Paul
Paul brought on charges before Gallio
Paul speaks to the Areopagus
Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work
Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture
Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1–30; Gal 2:1–21)
BLACK SEA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
THRACE
MACEDONIA
ACHAIA
MYSIA
ASIA
AEGEAN SEA
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
GALATIA
Anatolian Plateau
LYCAONIA
CAPPADOCIA
PHRYGIA
PISIDIA
PAMPHYLIA
LYCIA
CARIA
LYDIA
Taurus Mountains
CILICIA
COMMAGENE
SYRIA
CYRENAICA
EGYPT
JUDEA
NABATEA
Qattara Depression
Cyprus
Crete
Rhodes
Samothrace
Lemnos
Lesbos
Chios
Samos
Patmos
Cos
Euboea
Cyclades Islands
Pontus Mts.
Amastris
Byzantium (Istanbul)
Chalcedon
Perinthus
Porsule
Doriscus
Philippi
Neapolis
Amphipolis
Apollonia
Thessalonica
Bitola
Pella
Berea
Mt. Olympus
Larissa
Troas
Assos
Mitylene
Ancyra (Ankara)
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Tripolis
Smyrna
Ephesus
Hierapolis
Laodicea
Colossae
Priene
Miletus
Halicarnassus
Cnidus
Xanthus
Patara
Rhodes
Sebaste
Antioch in Pisidia
Seleucia
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
Tarsus
Attalia
Perga
Faustinopolis
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Hierapolis
Mallus
Issus
Seleucia Pieria
Antioch
Aleppo
Hamath
Tripolis
Byblos
Palmyra (Tadmor)
Sidon
Tyre
Damascus
Caesarea Maritima
Jerusalem
Philadelphia (Amman)
Gaza
Alexandria
Pelusium
Memphis
Cyrene
Salamis
Paphos
Fair Havens
Corinth
Athens
Cenchreae
Epidaurus
Sparta
Delphi
Euboea
Hermus R.
Maeander R.
Halys R.
Euphrates R.
Jordan R.
Nile R.
Dardanelles
Bosporus
Marmara Sea
Dead Sea
Syrian Gates
Cilician Gates
0 100 200 300 Miles
0 100 200 300 Kilometers
N

Timothy was raised by a faithful mother the importance of scripture:

- 2 Timothy 1:5
- 2 Timothy 3:14 – 15

Acts 16:3 (ESV)

3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Why circumcise Timothy when he refused to do so with Titus?

- Galatians 2:3
- Galatians 5:1 – 6
- A couple of notable differences between Titus & Timothy:
  - Titus was Greek while Timothy was of mixed heritage, Jew & Greek.
  - Circumcising Timothy would allow him to enter parts of the synagogue that he would not be able to otherwise. Titus, being not a Jew or a proslyte to Judaism, would not be allowed to enter these areas even he was circumcised.
- 1 Corinthians 9:19 – 23

Acts 16:4 – 5 (ESV)

4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

The Macedonian Call

ACTS 16:6 – 10

Acts 16:6 (ESV)

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea
Paul Imprisoned
THRACE
BLACK SEA
Amastris
Pontus Mts.
Byzantium (Istanbul)
Bitola
MACEDONIA
Philippi
Neapolis
Porsule
Perinthus
Pella
Amphipolis
Doriscus
Chalcedon
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
Apollonia
Berea
Thessalonica
MARMARA SEA
Mt. Olympus
Samothrace
Dardanelles
Ancyra (Ankara)
GALATIA
Lemnos
Luke joins Paul
Troas
MYSIA
Larissa
Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia
Assos
Lesbos
Ancyra
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Paul brought on charges before Gallio
Mitylene
Pergamum
ASIA
Anatolian Plateau
Thyatira
Hermus R.
Sebaste
LYCAONIA
Delphi
Euboea
AEGEAN SEA
Sardis
Philadelphia
CAPPADOCIA
Chios
Smyrna
LYDIA
Tripolis
Antioch in Pisidia
ACHAIA
Corinth
Ephesus
PHRYGIA
Seleucia
Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work
Athens
Maeander R.
Hierapolis
Laodicea
COMMAGENE
Cenchreae
Iconium
Samos
Priene
Colossae
PISIDIA
Faustinopolis
Epidaurus
Miletus
CARIA
Cremna
Lystra
CILICIA
Cilician Gates
Hierapolis
Patmos
Aphrodisias
PAMPHYLIA
Derbe
Taurus Mountains
Amanus Mts.
Euphrates R.
Paul speaks to the Areopagus
Sparta
Cyclades Islands
Halicarnassus
Attalia
Perga
Tarsus
Cos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Mallus
Issus
Syrian Gates
Seleucia Tracheotis
Xanthus
Patara
Rhodes
Antioch
Aleppo
Seleucia Pieria
Rhodes
Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture
SYRIA
Crete
Cyprus
Salamis
Hamath
Fair Havens
Paphos
Tripolis
Byblos
Palmyra (Tadmor)
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
N

Acts 16:7 – 8 (ESV)

7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea
Paul imprisoned
THRACE
BLACK SEA
Amastris
Pontus Mts.
Byzantium (Istanbul)
Bitola
MACEDONIA
Pella
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Porsule
Perinthus
Chalcedon
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
Doriscus
MARMARA SEA
Berea
Apollonia
Thessalonica
Mt. Olympus
Samothrace
Dardanelles
Lemnos
Luke joins Paul
Troas
MYSIA
Ancyra (Ankara)
GALATIA
Larissa
Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia
Assos
Lesbos
Mitylene
Pergamum
ASIA
Ancyra
Halys R.
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Paul brought on charges before Gallio
Thyatira
Anatolian Plateau
LYCAONIA
Delphi
Euboea
AEGEAN SEA
Chios
Hermus R.
Sardis
Philadelphia
Sebaste
CAPPADOCIA
Smyrna
LYDIA
Tripolis
Antioch in Pisidia
ACHAIA
Corinth
Ephesus
PHRYGIA
Seleucia
Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work
Athens
Maeander R.
Hierapolis
Laodicea
Iconium
COMMAGENE
Cenchreae
Epidaurus
Priene
Samos
Colossae
PISIDIA
Faustinopolis
Taurus Mountains
CILICIA
Cilician Gates
Hierapolis
Miletus
CARIA
Aphrodisias
Cremna
Lystra
Amanus Mts.
Euphrates R.
Sparta
Paul speaks to the Areopagus
Patmos
PAMPHYLIA
Derbe
Tarsus
Cyclades Islands
Halicarnassus
Attalia
Perga
Mallus
Issus
Syrian Gates
Cos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Seleucia Tracheotis
Xanthus
Patara
Antioch
Aleppo
Rhodes
Seleucia Pieria
Rhodes
Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture
SYRIA
Crete
Fair Havens
Cyprus
Salamis
Hamath
Paphos
Tripolis
Byblos
Palmyra (Tadmor)
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
N

Acts 16:9 – 10 (ESV)

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea
Paul imprisoned
THRACE
BLACK SEA
Amastris
Pontus Mts.
Byzantium (Istanbul)
Bitola
MACEDONIA
Pella
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Porsule
Perinthus
Chalcedon
BITHYNIA AND PONTUS
Doriscus
MARMARA SEA
Berea
Apollonia
Thessalonica
Mt. Olympus
Samothrace
Dardanelles
Lemnos
Luke joins Paul
Troas
MYSIA
Ancyra (Ankara)
GALATIA
Larissa
Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia
Assos
Lesbos
Mitylene
Pergamum
ASIA
Ancyra
Halys R.
Caesarea (Mazaca)
Paul brought on charges before Gallio
Thyatira
Anatolian Plateau
LYCAONIA
Delphi
Euboea
AEGEAN SEA
Chios
Hermus R.
Sardis
Philadelphia
Sebaste
CAPPADOCIA
Smyrna
LYDIA
Tripolis
Antioch in Pisidia
ACHAIA
Corinth
Ephesus
PHRYGIA
Seleucia
Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work
Athens
Maeander R.
Hierapolis
Laodicea
Iconium
COMMAGENE
Cenchreae
Epidaurus
Priene
Samos
Colossae
PISIDIA
Faustinopolis
Taurus Mountains
CILICIA
Cilician Gates
Hierapolis
Miletus
CARIA
Aphrodisias
Cremna
Lystra
Amanus Mts.
Euphrates R.
Sparta
Paul speaks to the Areopagus
Patmos
PAMPHYLIA
Derbe
Tarsus
Cyclades Islands
Halicarnassus
Attalia
Perga
Mallus
Issus
Syrian Gates
Cos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Seleucia Tracheotis
Xanthus
Patara
Antioch
Aleppo
Rhodes
Seleucia Pieria
Rhodes
Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture
SYRIA
Crete
Fair Havens
Cyprus
Salamis
Hamath
Paphos
Tripolis
Byblos
Palmyra (Tadmor)
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Sidon
Damascus
Tyre
N

In our next study, we will examine the rest of Acts 16!