



# Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for Nov 28, 2021

Acts Ch 20 – Paul's trip back to Jerusalem

#### Acts Basic Outline

#### Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ Chapters 1-6:7 Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- ✓ **Chapters 6:8-9:31** Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- ✓ **Ch 9:32-12:24** Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- ✓ **Ch 12:25-16:5** The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia. The First Church Council
- ✓ **Ch 16:6-19:20** The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- ✓ **Ch 19:21-28:31** Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

#### Our next few weeks...

- Nov 28, 2021 Acts 20
- Dec 5, 2021 Acts 21
- Dec 12, 2021 Christmas Lesson 1
- Dec 19, 2021 Christmas Lesson 2
- Dec 26, 2021 Acts 22
- Jan 2, 2022 Acts 23

There is a lot going on in the world now, with even more expected so some time in here I will do an ICYMI

#### Acts Ch 20: 1-6

- **20 When the uproar had ended**, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said goodbye and set out for Macedonia.
- <sup>2</sup> He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece,
- <sup>3</sup> where he stayed **three months**. Because some Jews had plotted against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.
- <sup>4</sup> He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia.
- <sup>5</sup> These men went on ahead and waited for **us** at Troas
- <sup>6</sup> But we sailed from Philippi after the **Festival of Unleavened Bread**, and **five days later** joined the others at Troas, where we stayed **seven days**.

# This part of the Journey



- Leaves Ephesus, heads to Macedonia
- Travels in Greece
- Stays for 3 months
- Visits Churches
- Decides to come back through Macedonia because of plot to kill him
- Heads to Troas, where it all began

# Acts Ch 20: 7-10 A daylong preaching...

- <sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.
- <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.
- <sup>9</sup> Seated in a window was a young man named **Eutychus**, who was sinking into a deep sleep **as Paul talked on and on**. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and **was picked up dead.**
- <sup>10</sup> Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

#### Acts Ch 20: 11-12

- <sup>11</sup> Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. **After talking until daylight**, he left.
- <sup>12</sup> The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

What a day, what a demonstration of the holy Spirit in action and his miracle power!!

# Panias / Banias in Israel



#### Acts Ch 20:13-16

- <sup>13</sup> We went on ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we were going to take Paul aboard. **He had made this arrangement because he was going there on foot.**
- <sup>14</sup> When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene.
- <sup>15</sup> The next day we set sail from there and arrived off **Chios**. The day after that we crossed over to **Samos**, and on the following day arrived at **Miletus**.
- <sup>16</sup> Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

# A map of the return



- Assos, Chios, Samos
- Skip Ephesus
- Arrive at Mitylene

# Acts Ch 20:17-21 Paul to the Ephesian Elders

- <sup>17</sup> From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.
- <sup>18</sup> When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.
- <sup>19</sup> I served the Lord with **great humility** and with **tears** and **in the midst of severe testing** by the plots of my Jewish opponents.
- <sup>20</sup> You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.
- <sup>21</sup> I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

# Acts Ch 20: 22-25. A sobering truth

- <sup>22</sup> "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.
- <sup>23</sup> I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.
- <sup>24</sup> However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.
- <sup>25</sup> "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.

# Acts Ch 20: 26-31 Instructions and warning

- <sup>26</sup> **Therefore**, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you.
- <sup>27</sup> For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.
- <sup>28</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
- <sup>29</sup> I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.
- <sup>30</sup> Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.
- <sup>31</sup> So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

### Acts Ch 20: 32-36. A heart wrenching goodbye

- "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- <sup>33</sup> I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.
- <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that **these hands of mine have supplied my own needs** and the needs of my companions.
- <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, **I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak**, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
- <sup>36</sup> When Paul had finished speaking, **he knelt down with all of them and prayed.**
- <sup>37</sup> They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him.
- <sup>38</sup> What grieved them most was his statement that **they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship**

#### Acts Ch 20

I hope you are gaining a new respect and appreciation for the Apostle Paul

We have only begun to see his determination to finish his race that the Lord has called him to run.

Any Q's or comments?

#### Next week

- We will cover Acts Chapter 21
- Pray for our friends in need, both in class and in general
- Pray for our Church, its Pastors and staff
- Pray for our country, state, cities and leaders
- Invite and bring your friends to come to the Choir program
- Give Thanks to the Lord for all things and come back next week