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Summer Series on the Book of Acts

Join us each Sunday

(May 8-22 at either 8:15 or 10:00am)

(May 29 – July 17 at 9:30am)

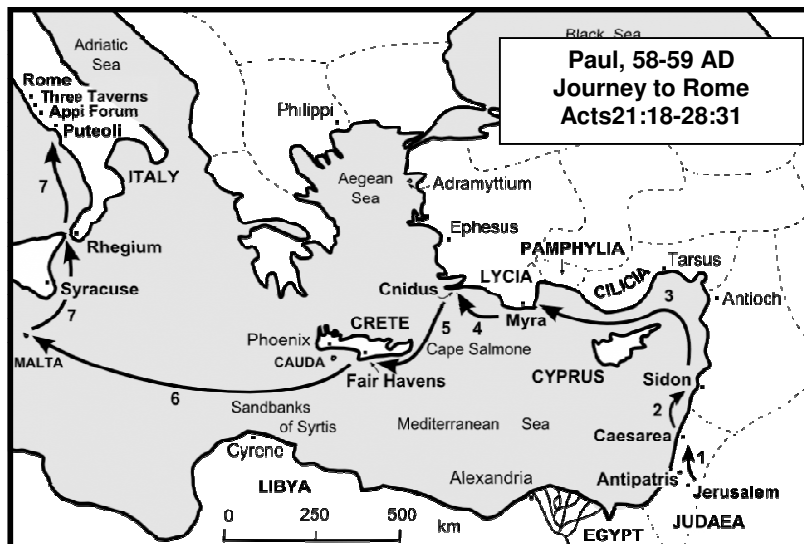
and Wednesday (May 11-July 13)

as we work our way through the Book of Acts.

You are encouraged to read the book of Acts as a whole book instead of isolated passages. It isn't long (about 35 pages).

Once you get the big picture, the individual passages we will focus on each week will make more sense.

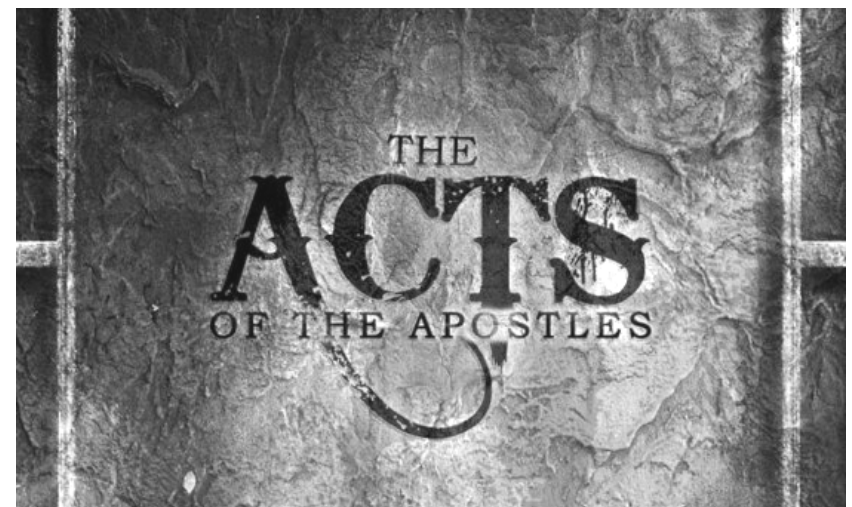
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Acts is selective; it does not systematically lay out the spread of Christian communities. It provides, for instance, no information about the spread of Christians into Egypt or other important cities where Christians established themselves in the first century.

Acts devotes half its length to Paul's travels and after chapter 15 pays almost no attention to other apostles, including Peter. Acts nevertheless remains our earliest overview of the beginning of the Christian movement, an invaluable book.

More background material available at www.enterthebible.org

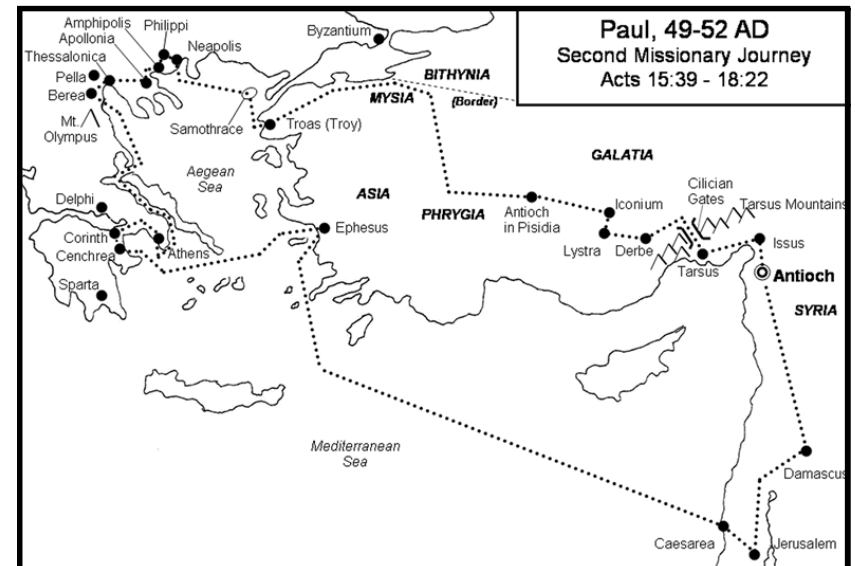
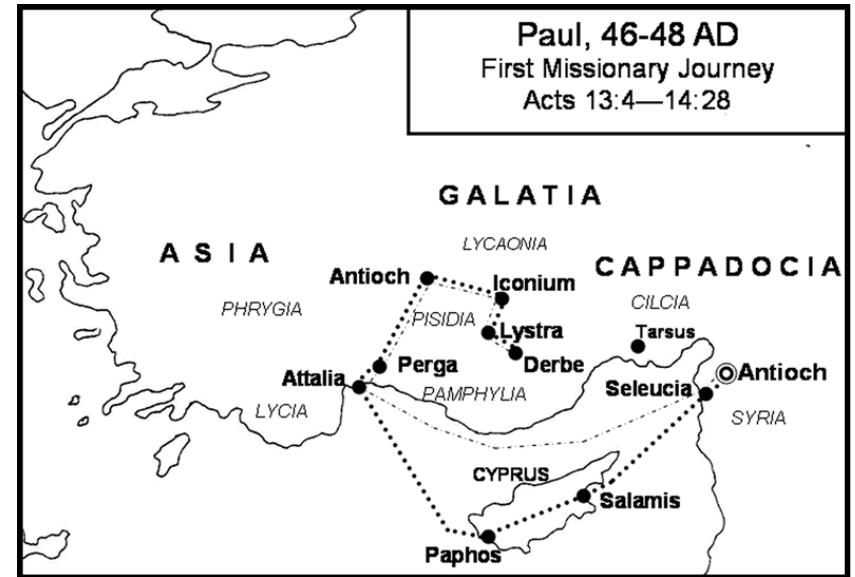
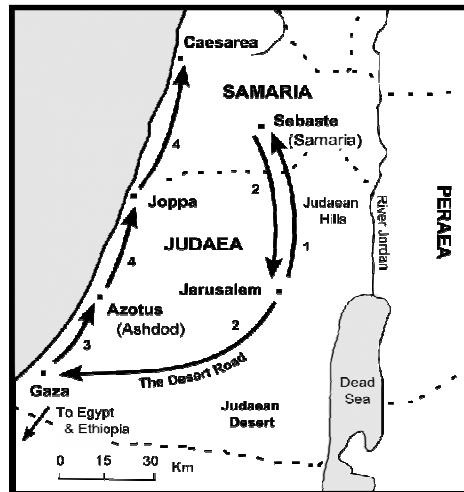


Schedule and Readings

Sun. May 8	Ascension	Acts 1:1-11
Wed. May 11	Matthias	Acts 1:12-26
Sun. May 15	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-47
Wed. May 18	Peter and John	Acts 3:1 - 4:31
Sun. May 22	Boldness	Acts 4:32 - 5:16
Wed. May 25	Persecution	Acts 5:17 - 6:7
Sun. May 29	Stephen	Acts 6:8 - 8:3
Wed. June 1	Philip in Samaria	Acts 8:4-25
Sun. June 5	Philip & Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-48
Wed. June 8	Conversion of Saul	Acts 9:1-35
Sun. June 12	Peter & Cornelius	Acts 9:36 - 11:18
Wed. June 15	<i>(no Acts reading... VBS staff leading worship)</i>	
Sun. June 19	Prison	Acts 11:19 - 12:25
Wed. June 22	Paul's 1st Journey	Acts 13:1-52
Sun. June 26	1st Journey (part 2)	Acts 14:1-28
Wed. June 29	Council in Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-41
Sun. July 3	Paul's 2nd Journey	Acts 16:1 - 17:15
Wed. July 6	2nd Journey (part 2)	Acts 17:16 - 18:22
Sun. July 10	Paul's 3rd Journey	Acts 18:23 - 20:38
Wed. July 13	Arrest and Trials	Acts 21:1 - 26:32
Sun. July 17	On to Rome	Acts 27:1 - 28:31

Acts was written by the same author who produced the Gospel according to Luke, probably written late in the first century to tell the story of the apostles and other believers.

The Acts of the Apostles portrays Jesus' followers from their days with the risen Jesus in Jerusalem to Paul's mission in Rome. Initial chapters focus on the life of the early community of believers in Jerusalem and the work of the Holy Spirit among



them. Called, inspired, and even driven by the Holy Spirit, the apostles spread the gospel throughout northern Mediterranean lands. The story of Paul's call to spread the news of Jesus is the central emphasis of the second half of Acts. The final verse of Acts summarizes the book's themes: welcome of all, bold proclamation and teaching about the kingdom of God, and God's plan as unstoppable.