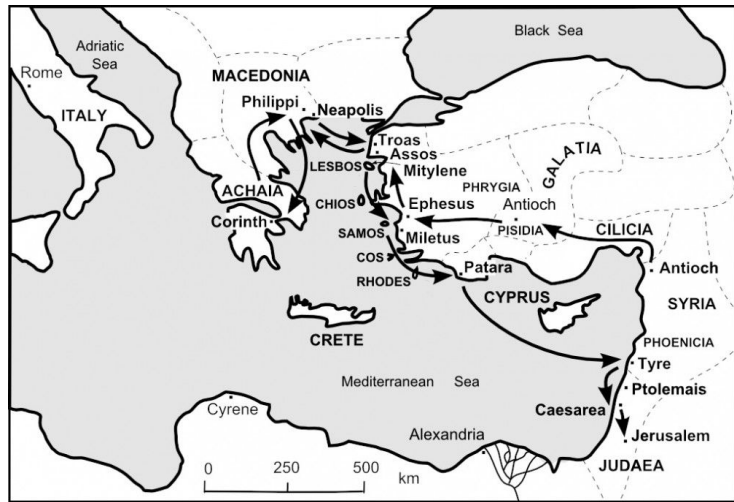


**Acts 20:1-12**

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 10-4-17

**More About Ephesus**

- Luke narrating how Paul left Ephesus after the better part of 3 years and is making his way to Jerusalem (although we know his sights are set beyond there to Rome)
- Luke sees parallel between Paul’s journey to Jerusalem and Jesus’ (prominent in his gospel)
- Luke intends his readers to see Paul as following in his master’s footsteps
- Acts 1:1 - “In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach...”



	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Paul</b>
<b>Traveled with disciples</b>	Luke 19:38	Acts 20:4ff.
<b>Opposed by hostile Jews</b>	Luke 6:7, 11; 11:53-54; 22:1-2	Acts 20:3, 19
<b>3 predictions of passion/suffering</b>	Luke 9:22, 44; 18:31-32	Acts 20:22-23; 21:4, 11
<b>Declared readiness to die</b>	Luke 12:50; 22:19; 23:46	Acts 20:24; 21:13
<b>Determined to complete his ministry</b>	Luke 9:51	Acts 20:24; 21:13
<b>Abandonment to God's will</b>	Luke 22:42	Acts 21:14

**Paul in Northern and Southern Greece (vv. 1-6)**

- V. 1 - heading for Macedonia through Troas
- V. 2a - “he encouraged the believers in all the towns he passed through”
  - Churches founded during 2nd missionary journey (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea)
  - Παρακαλέσας (v. “parakalesis,” vv. 1-2) - to ask, beg, plead; to comfort, encourage, exhort, urge; to call, invite.
    - Literally: “\_\_\_\_\_”
- V. 2b - makes it to Greece (*Hellas*, popular name for Achaia - most likely in Corinth)
  - Stayed 3 months (v. 3a)
    - Time to meet with leaders over doctrine and ethics
    - Finalized giving for Judean churches (I Cor. 16:1-4; Acts 24:17)
    - Wrote his letter to the Romans (cf. Romans 15:17-33)

- V. 3b - reversed direction due to the threat
- V. 4 - traveling companions
  - Almost always traveled with someone, expressed desire for companionship when not (Athens - Acts 17:15-16; cf. I Thess. 3:1, 5 and Rome - II Tim. 4:9, 21)
    - Especially on his missionary journeys
  - Entourage bears a 3-fold witness
    - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church
    - \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's journeys
      - The \_\_\_\_\_ of his mission became \_\_\_\_\_ of it!
    - The \_\_\_\_\_-mindedness of early Christian community
- Vv. 5-6 - everyone congregates at Troas, where they spend a week together

### **A Week at Troas (vv. 7-12)**

- The death and resuscitation of Eutychus
  - V. 7 - "On the first day of the week" (first evidence of Sunday worship) "we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper" (cf. Luke 22:20; 24:30-35; Acts 2:42)
  - Luke's first-hand, eyewitness details:
    - It was an evening service/meeting (v. 7)
    - It was held in the upstairs of a private home (v. 8), on the third floor (v. 9)
    - Many lamps were lit, so the atmosphere was probably stuffy and oily, leading Eutychus to sit on the window ledge (v. 9), presumably for some fresh air
    - While referred to a young man in v. 9 (νεανίας, "neanias"), in v. 12 he is called a boy (παῖς, "paheece"), normally covering the years from 8-14.
    - The boy "became very drowsy" and as Paul went on he "fell sound asleep" (v. 9)
    - Dropped 3 stories to his death (v. 9)
    - Paul (cf. Elijah, I Kings. 17:19ff.) embraces the boy who comes back to life (v. 10)
- Some principles of Christian worship
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Eucharist
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_
    - διαλέγομαι ("dialegomai", vv. 7, 9) - implying discussion, Q&A
    - ὁμιλέω ("homileó," v. 11) - a long earnest talk
    - Paul took his teaching/preaching responsibility seriously, so should we
  - Word and sacrament belong \_\_\_\_\_
    - Sacrament as a "visible word" (Augustine)
    - The church is built on the Word as it comes to us both audibly and visibly, in declaration and in drama