

Fall 2021 Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles

"You shall be my witnesses"

November 15, 2021

Lesson 9

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Discussion

What is the most difficult challenge or situation that you have had to face? What did you do? What help did you receive? How did your faith help you?

Scripture lessons for today:

Chapter 24:1-27 Paul continues his defense before Felix

- 1) What is Tertullus's accusation? (vs.1-9)
- 2) What is Paul's defense? What does he use as his argument? (vs.10-23)
- 3) Two years imprisoned and then what? (vs.24-27)

Chapter 25: 1-27 Paul's appeal to the emperor, to Rome.

- 1) Festus now is the governor; how does he help Paul?
- 2) Why does Festus consult King Agrippa? What is the result? What does Festus need to send to Rome?

Chapter 26: 1-30 Paul's final defence before Agrippa.

- 1) Paul states his case for the Resurrection of the Dead: what is his greatest claim? (vs. 23)
- 2) How persuasive is Paul to Agrippa? What is his hope?
- 3) What is the final outcome?

Chapter 27: 1-44 Paul sails for Rome.

- 1) Who travels with Paul on this journey? How is he treated as a prisoner?
- 2) Where do they go on there first part of the journey?
- 3) What is the first problem that they contend with?
- 4) What does Paul promise in the midst of the storm?
- 5) How are they saved? Where do they end up after the storm?

Chapter 28:1-31 Paul finally reaches Rome

- 1) Why is Paul treated as a god by the natives of Malta?
- 2) What healings took place before they set sail?
- 3) How is Paul received when he finally reaches Rome?
- 4) What is Paul's message to the Jewish leaders?
- 5) What was Paul's work while 2 years in Rome?

Concluding Thoughts:

What does Paul accomplish in all his missionary travels? Why did Luke write Acts, and why does it end as it does? What are Paul's epistles and what is their purpose? (Seems he wrote during his third mission or after in Rome*)

Closing Prayers

*References: (Paul's writings during his missionary journeys.)

Romans: written in Corinth at the close of his 3rd Journey, to the Capital of the Gentile World.

1 Corinthians: written in Ephesus during his 3rd journey while staying there.

2 Corinthians: written in Macedonia (probably Philippi), during his last leg of the 3rd Journey on his way to see them.

Galatians: from Ephesus (or perhaps Corinth) during his 3rd Journey as he plans his return to Jerusalem.

Philippians: written from Rome during house arrest.

Colossians: written from Rome.

Ephesians: written from Rome, to be shared with the nearby churches as doctrine to be read in the churches.

1 Thessalonians: written from Corinth as they faced persecutions. Probably the earliest letter during the end of the second journey.

2 Thessalonians: written from Corinth soon after first letter, reinforcing his teaching especially on Christ's return.

1 and 2 Timothy and Titus: known as the Pastoral Epistles, written from Rome during his last days, a second imprisonment.

Hebrews: Paul may have been the author with Luke's help but it is not known for sure who the author is. It was written in Rome before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70A.D.