

Acts 20

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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- ← Paul's route

1. What was Paul doing in the districts of Macedonia?

Acts 20: 1-2

1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to

Macedonia.

2 When **he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation,** he came to Greece.

2. How long did Paul stay in Greece and why did he leave?

Acts 20: 3

3 And *there* he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

Rom. 15: 22-27

22 For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;

23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you

24 whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while—

25 but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

3. Who waited for Paul and Luke at Troas?

Acts 20: 4-5

4 And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, *the son of Pyrrhus*, and by Aristarchus and **Secundus** of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

5 But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas.

4. Why did Paul and Luke stay in Philippi?

Acts 20: 6

6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

5. What happened on the first day of the week?

Acts 20: 7-12

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.

9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.

10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

11 When he had gone *back* up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.

12 They took away the boy alive and were greatly comforted.

1. Remained at Troas for 7 days (20: 6)
2. They met on the first day of the week to break bread (The Lord's Supper) [20: 7].
3. Paul delivered his message until midnight (20: 7).
4. The death and resurrection of Eutychus (20: 7-9).

What can you learn from the story of Eutychus?

1. The story shows God's love and power.
2. The story shows us the importance of priorities, especially in our youth.
3. The story is an excellent example of the Gospel in action. People fall prey to Satan's schemes and fall asleep to their death spiritually.

What can you learn from the story of Eutychus?

3a. The dangers of falling asleep spiritually

1 Cor. 16: 13

13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

1 Peter 5: 8

8 Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **13**

6. Describe the route Paul took from Troas to Miletus.

Acts 20: 13-16

13 But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for so he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

15 Sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.



**Area of
Apostle Paul's
Greatest Success**

1. The distance from Troas to Assos was about 30 miles by sea (20 miles by land). Acts 20: 13
 - a. Paul's companions went by ship.
 - b. Paul chose to "go on foot" and met them at Assos where he would board the ship.
2. From Assos to Mitylene. Acts 20: 15
3. From Mitylene the next morning over against Chios in the Aegean Sea. Acts 20: 15
4. From Chios to Samos to Miletus. Acts 20: 15

7. Detail Paul's farewell speech to the Ephesian elders at Miletus.

Acts 20: 17-21

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You, yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Paul reviewed his efforts among them. Acts 20:18-21

8. What awaits Paul in Jerusalem?

Acts 20: 22-30

22 “And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

24 “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

25 “And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.

8. What awaits Paul in Jerusalem?

Acts 20: 22-30 cont.

26 “Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

27 “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 “I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

2. Paul revealed his immediate plans to them.

Acts 20: 22-24

3. Paul related the sad news that they would not see him again. Acts 20: 25

4. Paul reiterated that he was “pure from the blood of all men”. Acts 20: 26

5. Paul warned them against false teachers from both within and outside of the church.

Acts 20: 27-30

9. How long did Paul serve the Lord during his ministry?

Acts 20: 31-35

31 “Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 “I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes.

34 “You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me.

35 “In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the **Lord Jesus**, that He Himself **said**, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**”

6. Paul worked with them for 3 years and “did not cease to admonish each one with tears”. Acts 20: 31

7. Paul built the Ephesian saints up and gave them “the inheritance among all those who are sanctified”. Acts 20: 32

8. Paul didn't take any funds or clothes from them and supported himself. Acts 20: 33-34

9. Paul reminded them to work hard, help the weak and remember the words of Jesus – “It is more blessed to give than to receive”. Acts 20: 35

10. Why were the Ephesians sad?

Acts 20: 36-38

36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

37 And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,

38 grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship.

10. They all prayed together. Acts 20: 36

11. They began to cry aloud, embraced Paul and repeatedly kissed him. Acts 20: 37

12. They grieved over the fact that “they would not see him again” and they accompanied Paul to the ship. Acts 20: 38