

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:1-18:22

Key Verse: 17:3

“...explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. ‘This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,’ he said.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why were Barnabas and Paul sent to Jerusalem? (15:1-5) What was the evidence of God's work among the Gentiles? (4,12) How was the matter resolved? (6-35; See 11:18) Why was this issue an important one?
2. Why did Paul and Barnabas separate? (15:36-41) Where did Paul and Silas go first? Why? (15:40,41; 16:1,4,5) Who was Timothy? What kind of person was he? (16:1,2; 2Ti 2:2) Why did Paul take him?
3. Trace Paul's second journey on a map. Why did Paul decide to go to Macedonia? (Compare Acts 2:17) What was the importance of this decision to Paul and to the world? (6-10)
4. Trace Paul's journey to Philippi. What kind of city was this? How did Paul begin? How did God open the door? What can we learn from Lydia? (14,15)
5. Describe the event in 16:15-24. What does this event reveal about the people of that city? How did Paul and Silas win a victory over Satan, and how did God help them? What is real freedom? (2Co 3:17) What happened to the jailor? To Paul? (25-40)
6. In most cities, where did Paul usually go first? What was the main point of his Bible teaching? (17:1-3) Why did Jesus have to suffer? (1Ti 1:15) What does it mean that he was raised? (Php 2:9-11) What happened in Thessalonica? (17:1-9)
7. How were the people in Berea different from those in Thessalonica? (17:10-15) Why was Paul distressed at the atmosphere in Athens? (17:16) Where did he preach and what was his message? (17-21; 22-34) What was the result?

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8. Read 18:1-22. Describe Paul's life and ministry in Corinth. Why and how did the Lord encourage him? (8-10) Where and why did he get a haircut? (12-22) What did it mean to Paul that Jesus is the Christ? (17:3)