Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus

Paul's Post-Conversion Travels

Acts 9-12 1200+ miles (*9 locations*)

Acts 13-14 1400+ miles (*15 locations*)

Acts 15:1-35 600+ miles (*3 locations*)

Acts 15:36-18:32 2800+ miles (*21 locations*)

Acts 18:23-21:16 2700+miles (*27 locations*)

Acts 21:17-28:31 2250+miles (*15 locations*)

Pastoral Epistles 2300+miles (*7 locations*)

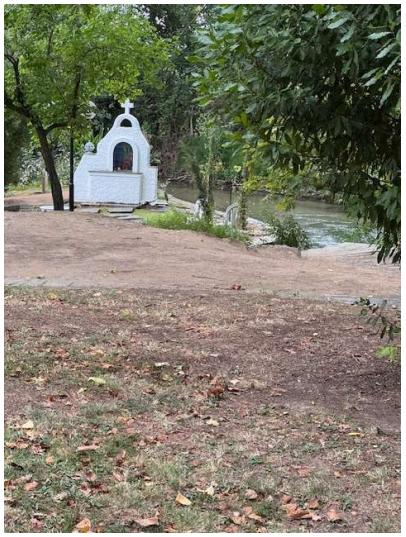
13,250 + miles traveled

Philippi

Acts 16:11–40



Ancient Philippi



Traditional site associated with Lydia's conversion



Archaeological remains

Lydia receives Paul's message and welcomes the travelers.

"The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul."

The jailer and his household also come to faith.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."

A new community of believers takes root in Macedonia.

Thessalonica

Acts 17:1–9

Three Sabbaths

Paul reasons from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah.

Some listeners join Paul and Silas, including many God-fearing Greeks and prominent women.

Jason welcomes the travelers.

The believers send Paul and Silas onward to Berea.

Acts records three Sabbaths of synagogue teaching, not the total length of the visit.

Berea

Acts 17:10–15

“They received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

Acts 17:11

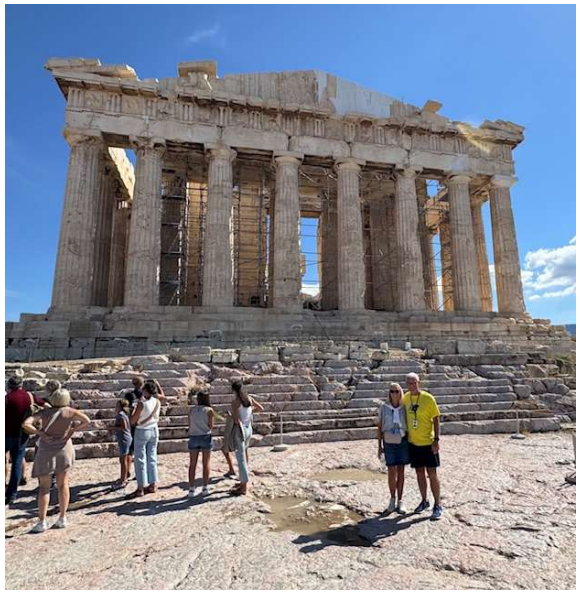
The Bereans receive the message eagerly and test Paul’s teaching against Scripture.

Many believe.

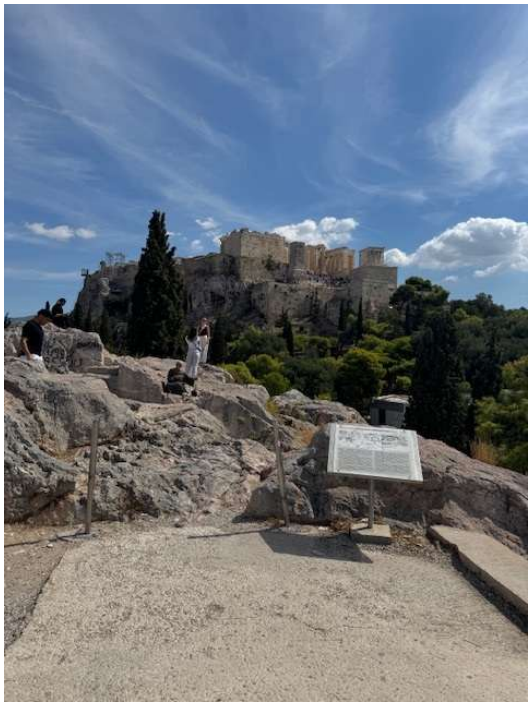
Paul continues to Athens, while Silas and Timothy remain for a time.

Athens

Acts 17:16–34



Acropolis



Areopagus area

Paul speaks in the synagogue and marketplace.

At the Areopagus, he proclaims the Creator and the resurrection.

Some listeners believe, including Dionysius and Damaris.

Corinth

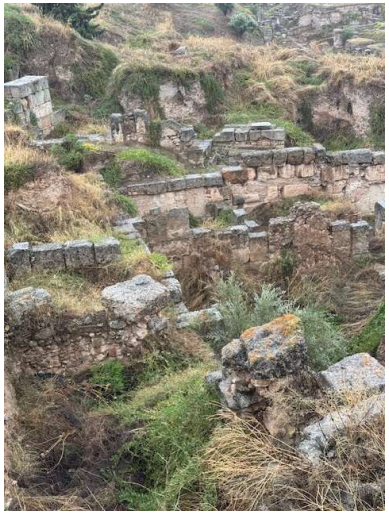
Acts 18:1–18



Erastus inscription



Modern Corinth Canal



Ancient Corinth

Paul works with Aquila and Priscilla and teaches for 18 months.

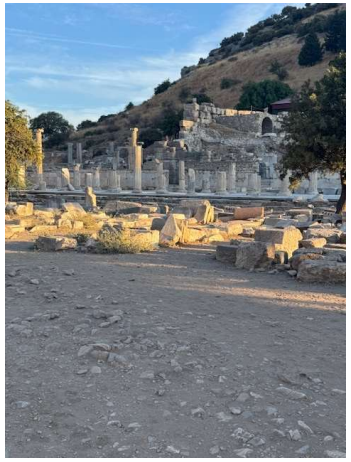
The Lord encourages him to keep speaking.

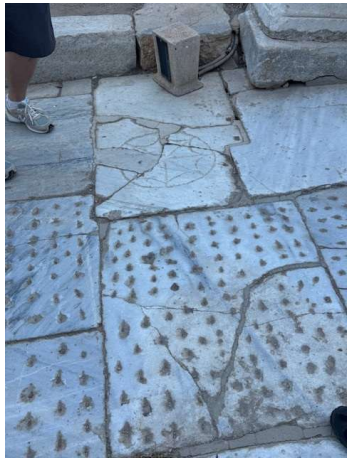
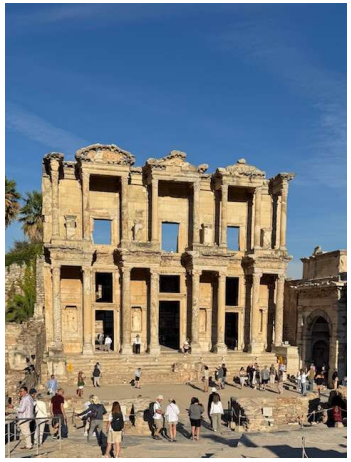
"*I have many in this city who are my people.*"

Photo context: the canal is modern. The inscription's connection to the Erastus of Romans 16:23.

Ephesus

Acts 18:18–22




Ephesus today: the visible remains span different historical periods.

Paul makes a brief visit with Priscilla and Aquila. He reasons in the synagogue and promises to return if God wills.

“And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to *fifty thousand pieces of silver*. The word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.”

Timeline and return to Ephesus

Second missionary journey (c. AD 49–52), followed by the return to Ephesus

c. AD 50	**Philippi**	Lydia and the jailer believe
c. AD 50	**Thessalonica**	Teaching over three Sabbaths
c. AD 50	**Berea**	Daily examination of Scripture
c. AD 50	**Athens**	The address at the Areopagus
c. AD 50–52	**Corinth**	Eighteen months of teaching
c. AD 52	**Ephesus**	A brief visit on the return route
c. AD 53–56	**Ephesus**	Extended ministry, about three years Third journey (Acts 19; 20:31)

Dates are approximate. The sequence follows Acts 16–20.