

SESSION THREE – WITNESS TO THE GENTILES

(Acts 9:32-18:22)

PAUL'S JOURNEYS

First Missionary Journey (Acts 13–14)

- **Companions:** Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark.
- **Route:** Sailed from Antioch to Cyprus, then traveled north into the region of Galatia (Asia Minor).
- **Key Stops:** Salamis, Paphos, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.
- **Major Events:** Confronted a sorcerer on Cyprus, faced both belief and intense opposition, and established local Gentile churches before returning to Antioch.

Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22)

- **Companions:** Paul, Silas, and later Timothy and Luke.
- **Route:** Traveled overland through Syria, Cilicia, and Galatia, then crossed over into Macedonia and Greece in Europe.
- **Key Stops:** Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth.
- **Major Events:** Paul had a vision calling him to Macedonia, was imprisoned and freed by an earthquake in Philippi, and reasoned with philosophers in Athens.

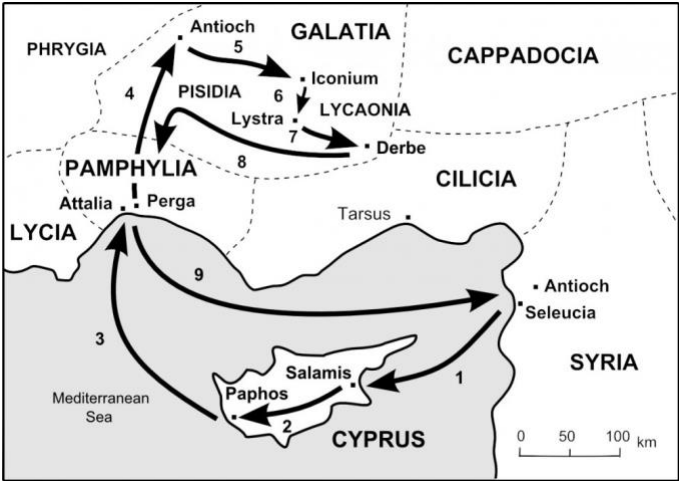
Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23–21:16)

- **Companions:** Paul and various team members like Timothy and Titus.
- **Route:** Revisit of Galatia and Phrygia, an extended stay in Western Asia Minor, and a return trip through Macedonia and Greece.
- **Key Stops:** Ephesus, Troas, Miletus, and Tyre.
- **Major Events:** Spent over two years teaching in Ephesus (where a major riot broke out) and heavily strengthened the churches in Greece before heading back toward Jerusalem.

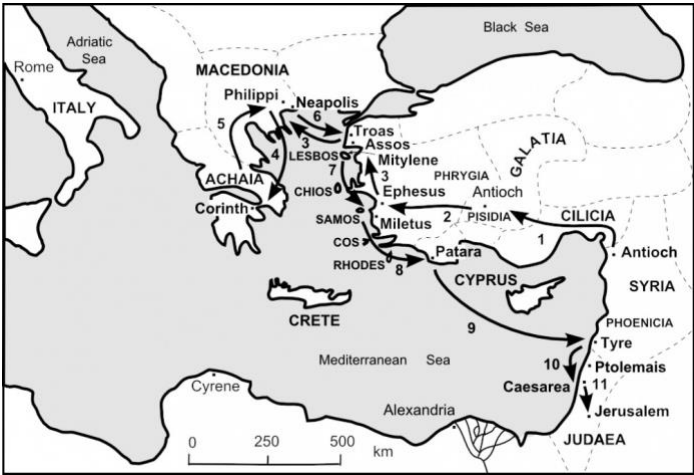
Voyage to Rome (Acts 27–28)

- **Route:** Sailed from Caesarea under guard, stopped in Crete, and shipwrecked on the island of Malta.
- **Major Events:** Arrested in Jerusalem after the third journey, Paul appealed to Caesar as a Roman citizen and ultimately arrived in Rome, where he spent his final recorded days under house arrest preaching.

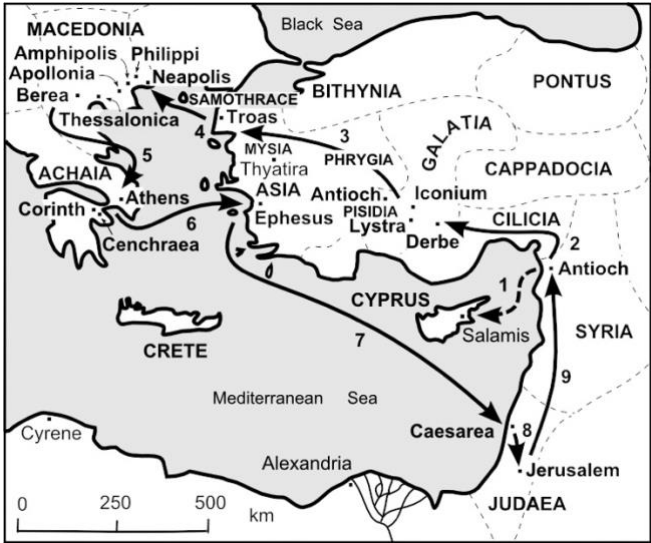
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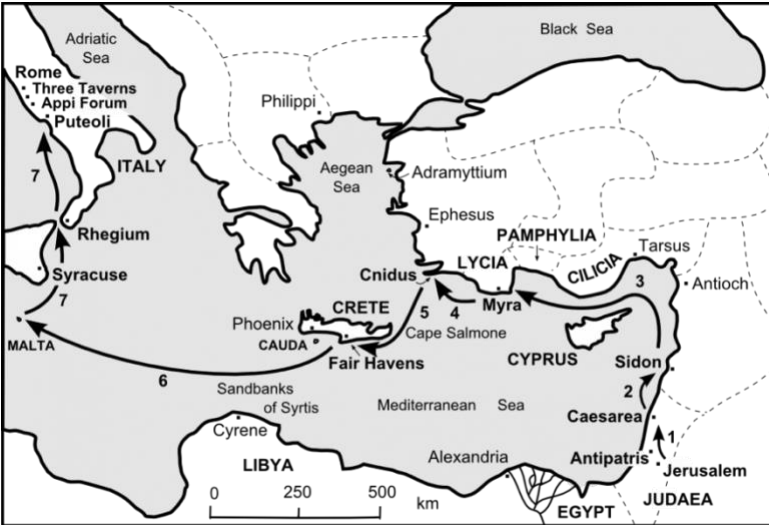
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Paul's Journey to Rome



Simon Peter in Luke and Acts

Luke

1. Luke 5:1-11* – By the Lake, Jesus Calls Simon Peter to be a Disciple
2. Luke 6:12-16 – Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles
3. Luke 8:40-56* – Jesus Restores a Girl to Life and a Woman Is Healed
4. Luke 9:18-20* – Peter's Declaration of Faith in Jesus as Messiah
5. Luke 9:28-35* – Peter, James, & John Go to the Mountain with Jesus (Transfiguration)
6. Luke 12:41-48* – Peter Questions Jesus About a Parable
7. Luke 18:18-30* – Peter Declares Loyalty to Jesus
8. Luke 22:7-13 – Peter and John Prepare for the Passover Meal
9. Luke 22:31-34* – Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
10. Luke 22:54-62* – Peter Denies Jesus
11. Luke 24:12 – The Resurrection of Jesus
12. Luke 24:34 – Peter Mentioned as Simon by the Disciples to the Men from Emmaus

* -- Denotes Peter Speaks

Note: In Luke's account of the resurrection Peter is only mentioned twice and one of those is as Simon and he does not speak. Luke mentions the name Simon Peter, Peter, or Simon 26 times in the Gospel.

Acts

1. Acts 1:13 – The Apostles Are Listed
2. Acts 1:15-26* – Disciples Choose a Successor for Judas
3. Acts 2:14-42* – Peter's Sermon on the Day of Pentecost
4. Acts 3:1-10* – Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar
5. Acts 3:11-26* – Peter Preaches in Solomon's Portico at the Temple
6. Acts 4:1-31* – Peter and John Arrested and Brought Before the Council
7. Acts 5:1-11* – Peter Confronts Ananias and Sapphira
8. Acts 5:12-16 – Peter's Shadow and Healing
9. Acts 5:17-32* – Apostles Persecuted and Speak Before the Council
10. Acts 8:14-25* – Peter and John Preach in Samaria
11. Acts 9:32-35* – Peter Heals Aeneas in Lydda
12. Acts 9:36-43 * – Peter Heals Tabitha (Dorcas) in Lydda & Travels to Joppa
13. Acts 10:1-48* – Peter, Cornelius, and the Gentiles
14. Acts 11:1-18* – Peter Reports to the Church at Jerusalem
15. Acts 12:1-19* – Peter Arrested and Delivered from Prison
16. Acts 15:1-21* – Peter Speaks at the Jerusalem Church Council

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Luke mentions the name Simon Peter, Peter, or Simon 75 times in the Acts of the Apostles. Saul/Paul is mentioned 184 times. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 67 Times.

Centurions in Luke and Acts

Centurion – A professional officer in the ancient Roman army who commanded a unit called a century, which usually had about 80 to 100 soldiers. A centurion was similar to a modern captain of a company or a senior non-commissioned officer. They trained troops, kept strict order, and led men from the front lines in battle. Most rose through the ranks based on skill and bravery rather than coming from rich or noble families.



1. Luke 3:14 – Roman Soldiers Listening to and Questioning John the Baptist

2. Luke 7:1-10 – Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant – Jesus is asked to heal a centurion's servant. The centurion sends word for Jesus not to come to his house, just to say the word and that will be enough. Jesus responded, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." (7:9)

3. Luke 23:47 – The Centurion at the Cross – When the **centurion** saw what happened, he praised God, saying, "It's really true: this man was righteous." (innocent)

4. Acts 10:1-48 – Peter, Cornelius, and the Gentiles – A centurion, named Cornelius, receives a vision to invite Peter to his house. Peter has a vision just before his invitation arrives. Peter preaches/instructs Cornelius' household. The Holy Spirit comes on the entire household and they are baptized. They replied, "We've come on behalf of Cornelius, a **centurion** and righteous man, a God-worshipper who is well-respected

by all Jewish people. A holy angel directed him to summon you to his house and to hear what you have to say."

5. Acts 21:27 – 22:29 – Paul Rescued from a Mob and Reveals His Roman Citizenship to a Centurion – While Paul is at the temple in Jerusalem, an angry mob surrounds him, carries him out of the temple, and begins beating him. A Roman centurion and his soldiers rescue him and allow him to speak to the mob. Paul is brought before a Roman tribune (a high-ranking officer) who orders him to be flogged. "As they were stretching him out and tying him down with straps, Paul said to the **centurion** standing there, "Can you legally whip a Roman citizen who hasn't been found guilty in court?" (22:25) The centurion stops the beatings and questions the tribune. This puts Paul's journey to Rome into motion.

6. Acts 23:12-35 – Centurions Prevent an Ambush and Protect Paul – Paul learns of a plot to ambush the soldiers and reveals it to the centurion in charge. Other centurions are involved (more than 200 soldiers!) Paul is brought to Felix the Roman governor. Another step to going to Rome.

7. Acts 24:23 – A Centurion Is Ordered to Guard Paul – After Paul's interrogation/trial before Felix, a centurion is assigned to keep him in custody but to let Paul have some liberty and connections with his friends.

8. Acts 27:1 – 28:30 Paul's Voyage to Rome – A Centurion named Julius of the Imperial When it was determined that we were to sail to Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were placed in the custody of a **centurion** named Julius of the Augustan Cohort, an Imperial Company. The centurion plays a critical role in getting Paul to Rome but also in saving Paul's life as the ship is sinking. During the trip, Paul advises the centurion.