

Q: (vv.26-28) For what purpose did God create us and place us exactly where we live?

Q: (vv.28-29) Paul quotes two of their poets as a bridge to his gospel message. What examples can we take from our culture (music, movies, social media, etc.) and use them as a bridge to the gospel message to others? How would you share the gospel with someone who is not familiar with Jesus or the Bible?

Q: If God is so near to people, how have people missed Him? What forms of idolatry do people engage in today? Why would people want to “worship” something less than the One True God?

Q: (v.30) Why do people need to repent and Who will judge the world?

Q: (vv.32-34) What was the result of hearing God’s Word?

Q: We can expect the same when we share the gospel with others; some will mock us, some will receive Christ, others will want to hear more. What does this show us about our role and God’s role in the process?

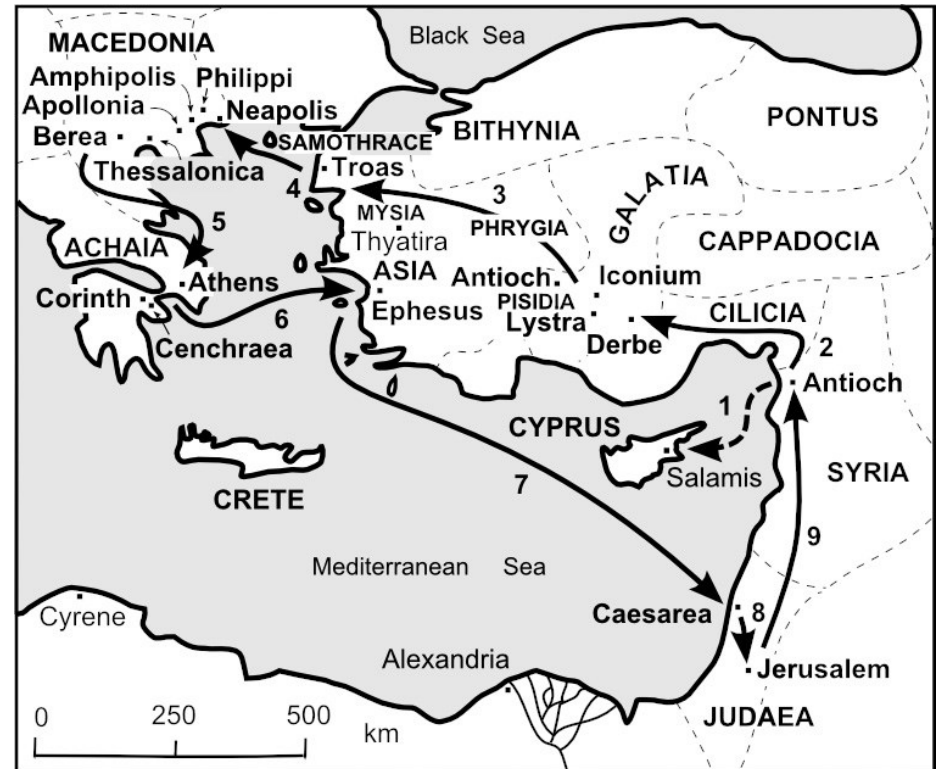
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Acts 17



Paul continues his 2nd missionary journey visiting the various areas highlighted in this map. In chapter 17 he is run out of Thessalonica but welcomed in Berea. He then travels alone to Athens. While there, he presents the gospel to people who believe in many gods. But Paul is able to adapt the message with the people he encounters. May we learn to do the same.

Q: (17:1-3) Thessalonica was a wealthy trading city in Greece. Where did Paul go first and how did he proclaim the gospel?

Q: (v.4) what was the result of Paul's sharing the gospel?

Q: (vv.5) Why did the unbelieving Jews incite a riot?

Q: (vv.6-7) What unintentional compliment did the rioters say about Paul & Silas?

Q: (vv.5-10) why was Jason charged and how was the situation resolved? (This is the 6th time Paul has been forced to leave an area due to persecution). How can we discern when it is time to press forward or back off when a gospel conversation gets intense?

Q: (vv.10-12) Compared with the Thessalonians (vv.2-4) how did the Bereans receive the gospel?

Q: Today when we hear Biblical teaching (in person, online, on tv or radio, in a book, etc.), why is it important that we too "examine the Scriptures daily to see if these things are true?"

Q: (v.13) Who became hostile to Paul's teaching? What role did the church (brothers) play both in Thessalonica and Berea (vv.10,14)?

Q: (vv.16-18) What bothered Paul about Athens? What bothers you spiritually about today's world? What can you do about it? What bothered the philosophers about Paul?

Q: (v.17) Where did Paul go to discuss and preach the gospel?

Q: (vv.21-23) What common ground did Paul establish with his listeners?

Q: (vv.24-25) How did Paul describe God and His relationship to humankind?
