



The Second Missionary Journey Begins Acts 15:36 – 16:40

Introduction

Paul & Barnabas “agree” that re-visiting the churches they started on their first journey was a good idea. They could not agree on giving John Mark another chance (cp. 13:13). The disagreement was so sharp this formidable pair split and went their separate ways. Luke will focus only on Paul from now on as he and his new partner Silas take the gospel even farther west than the efforts from the first journey.

Paul & Barnabas Part Ways (15:36-41)

- 1) What suggestion did Paul make to Barnabas? (15:36) What “discussion” ensued and how did it end? (15:37-39a; cp. 13:13) How was this “situation” resolved? (15:39b-41)

- 2) *Thought question*: is there any indication that Paul “held a grudge” against Barnabas or John Mark because of this break-up? (cp. 1 Cor. 9:6; Col. 4:10; Phlm. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11)

Labors In Galatia & Asia (16:1-8)

- 3) Where did Paul go after departing Cilicia? (16:1a) Who did he meet? (16:1b-2)

- 4) What did Paul want to do re: Timothy and for what reason? (16:3) How does Luke describe the activities of Paul & his traveling companions? (16:4) Any results? (16:5)

- 5) Describe their “travel plans” in 16:6-8.

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Labors In Macedonia (16:9-40)

- 6) Arriving in Troas, what occurs? (16:9) What did Paul conclude from this? (16:10)

- 7) What important change in the story begins at 16:10?

- 8) Plot the journey from 16:11-12. What did Paul and his companions do in 16:13?

- 9) Describe who is mentioned in 16:14. What happened as a result of Paul's preaching? (16:15)

- 10) What is the next activity Luke describes in 16:16-18? What happened as a result? (16:19-21)
Compare this to the former examples of "opposition" Paul faced? (cp. 13:45-50; 14:5, 19)

- 11) What happened re: the complaints by the slave girl's masters? (16:22-24; cp. Lk. 21:12)

- 12) *Thought question*: put yourself in Paul's place...how would you be feeling & thinking? How was Paul responding to this? (16:25a) Were their actions having any effect? (16:25b) Any lessons for us? (cp. Jas. 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 2:19-25)

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- 13) What "interrupted" Paul & Silas' worship? (16:26) How did the jailer react? (16:27) How did Paul intervene? (16:28)

- 14) What was the jailer's response? (16:29-30) Why do you think he responded this way? (cp. Mt. 5:10-16)

- 15) How did Paul answer the jailer's question? (16:31) How has this passage been abused by religious teachers? What is the proper interpretation? (16:32)

- 16) What happens in 16:33-34? What does this passage teach about the importance of baptism? Is there any indication in this passage re: any of the other "requirements" for salvation?

- 17) What happened the next day? (16:35) What role did the jailer play? (16:36) How did Paul respond? (16:37)

- 18) What impact did Paul's response have upon Philippi's civil rulers? (16:38-39) Where did Paul & his companions go after their release? (16:40)