



The Third Missionary Journey Begins Acts 18:23 – 19:41

Introduction

Luke records that Paul only spent “some time” in Antioch at the close of the 2nd journey before he went back out again on another preaching trip. He had promised to return to Ephesus...which he does (19:1). In fact, the vast majority of the journey was spent in this city – 3 years (20:31). Although he does not cover any substantial “new ground” that had not been visited previously, he will pen 4 epistles before he completes his third tour. The only difference between this journey and the first two is that Paul will not return to Antioch. He will go straight to Jerusalem and deliver the gift he collects on this trip.

Labors In Galatia & Phrygia (18:23)

- 1) How does Luke describe Paul’s efforts as he begins his 3rd journey? (cp. 15:41; 16:1)

Apollos (18:24-28)

- 2) Pausing in his record of Paul’s travels, who does Luke mention in v. 24a? How does he describe him? (v. 24b-26a)
- 3) Who else does Luke mention? (v. 26b; cp. vv. 18-19) What did they do? (v. 26c) What other “help” did Apollos receive? (vv. 27-28)
- 4) Thought question: given that Paul previously left Aquila & Priscilla in Ephesus (18:19), and that “brethren” are in Ephesus before Paul arrives to work there (18:27), do you think this implies anything about Aquila & Priscilla and the start of the church in Ephesus?

Labors In Ephesus (19:1-41)

- 5) While Apollos was in Corinth, where was Paul? (v. 1a) How does this coincide with what he said in 18:20-21?

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- 6) Who did Paul meet in Ephesus? (v. 1b) What questions are asked in vv. 2-3 that indicate their religious affiliation? *Thought question*: what is the likely reason for them being John's disciples? (cp. 18:24-25)

- 7) What does Paul teach in v. 4? What happened as a result? (v. 5) *Thought question*: is there any way we can use this verse today in religious discussions about baptism?

- 8) What else did Paul do for these 12 disciples? (vv. 6-7) How does Luke describe Paul's continued activity in Ephesus? (vv. 8-10)

- 9) What was God doing through Paul in Ephesus? (vv. 11-12) What happened in v. 13? What specifically does Luke record in vv. 14-16?

- 10) How did this help the gospel? (v. 17) What happened as a result? (vv. 18-20)

- 11) What plans of Paul does Luke mention in v. 21? How did these plans begin to take shape? (v. 22)

- 12) What is the "contrast" between vv. 19-20 & v. 23? What was the basis for the concern of these particular Ephesians? (vv. 24-27)

