

2 MJ: 50-52 AD

- **Thessalonica:** synagogue custom,
- Why so much negative on Jewish jealousy reaction?
- Jason's house
- **Berea:** noble, searched the Scriptures
- **Athens:**
- Idols → unknown God,
- Paul quotes Epimenides/Aretas: knowing Philosophy and other disciplines
- Must we believe before we can know (presuppositional) or can our knowing lead us to belief (evidences)?
- How do we use post-modern culture to proclaim Christ?
- **Corinth:**
 - Priscilla/Aquilla—Claudius kicked Jews out of Rome; tentmaking
 - Crispus synagogue leader believes
 - Sosthenes the accuser of Paul--beaten
 - Gallio proconsul favorable—dismisses charges
 - Stays 1.5 years, Apollos
 - writes 1 & 2 Thess. (after Timothy/Silas brought down support)



3 MJ – AD 53-57

- **Ephesus 3 years:** 1 Corinthians written (Acts 19)
 - John Bapt. Disciples receive Holy Spirit,
 - magical books burned,
 - Demetrius' riot; money and religion;
 - how does religion fares in the public square?
- Revisits Macedonia—2 Corinthians written
- **Corinth**—Romans written west –going east
- Revisits Macedonia and Asia, Eutychus
- Heads back to Jerusalem—gift for poor in famine

Trial

- **Jerusalem riot:** Agabus, **citizenship**
- **Felix:** procrastinator, 2 yrs., bribe
- **Festus:** please Jews, trap, appeal to Caesar
- **Agrippa:** knowledgeable, almost

- Ship wreck on Island of Malta, snake
- 1st Roman Imprisonment (AD 60-62)
- Freedom
- 2nd Roman Imprisonment (AD 67-68)

Final Acts Theme

- Malta (Acts 28) Snake and on the interpretation of history? Providence and secularism
- Acts as history: how do you see God in your own personal history? Purpose driven life
- Writing history: including God → secular, is history moving to an end by design or random?
- God's design moving history in Acts: 2:23
- History: foreknowledge fixed, some fixed/some open, totally open
- God did this because...

Paul's Epistle Chronologically

- After 1 MJ: Galatians
- Jerusalem Council: 50 AD - circumcision
- During 2 MJ: 1 & 2 Thess. from Corinth
- During 3 MJ: 1 Cor. (from Ephesus);
2 Cor. (from Macedonia);
Romans from Corinth
- 1st Roman Imprisonment: Prison Epistles:
PPEC: Eph. Col., Philippians, Philemon
- Freedom: 1 Tim., Titus (Pastoral Epistles)
- 2nd Roman Imprisonment: 2 Tim.

Epistles of Paul: Topically

- Eschatological
 - 1 & 2 Thess
- Soteriological
 - Galatians, 1 & 2 Cor, Romans
- Christological
 - Col., Eph., Philp., Philemon
 - Ecclesiological: 1 & 2 Tim, Titus