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/Aquila—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)
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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

Trials

- **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