



The
ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 17:1-15



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⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸ And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.



¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there.



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- STEPHEN IS STONED TO DEATH
- SAUL PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS

- SAUL ENCOUNTERS CHRIST ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS
- PETER RAISES DORCAS FROM THE DEAD

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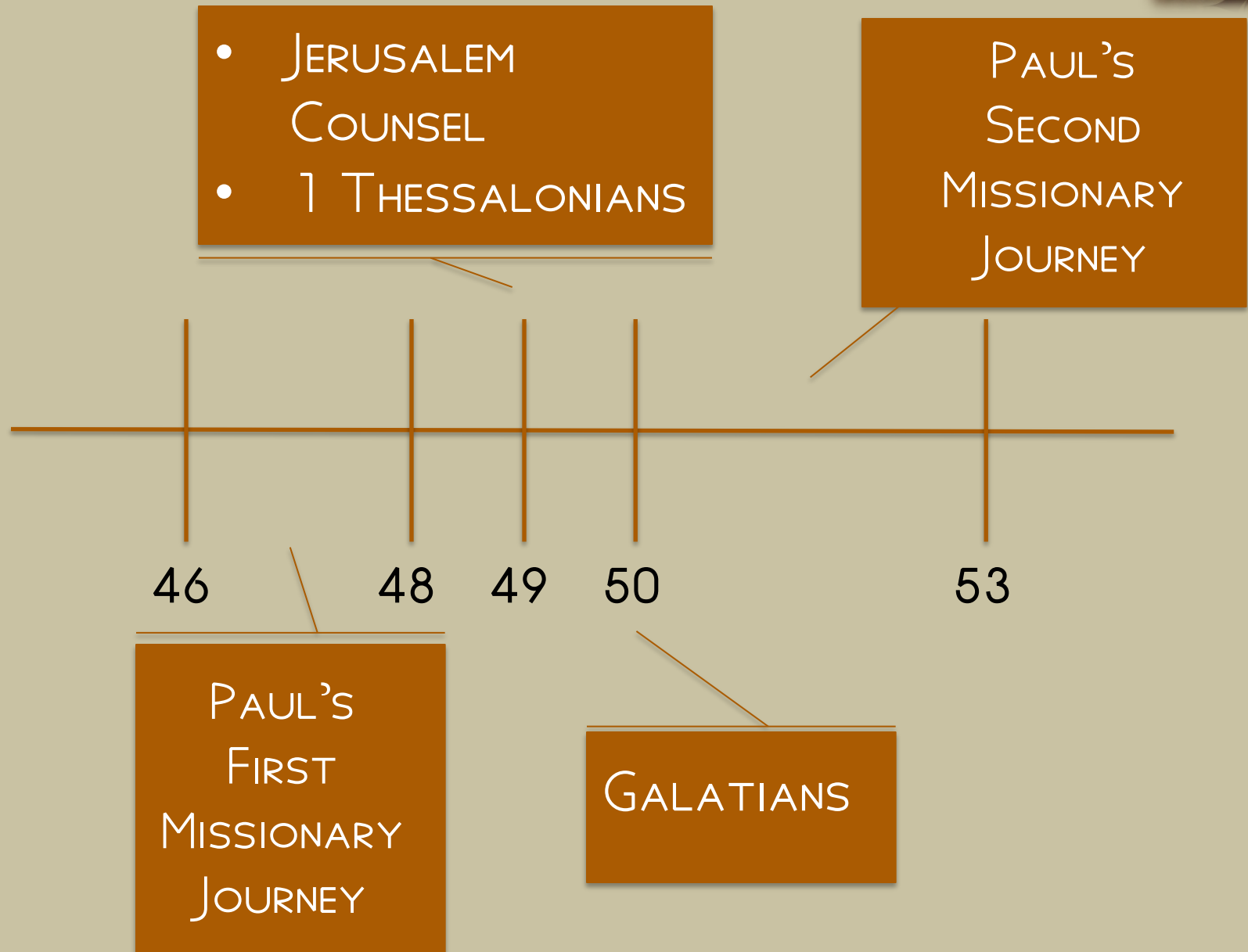
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- CHRIST RISES FROM THE DEAD
- CHRIST ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN
- HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON THE APOSTLES
- PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

- KING HEROD HAS JAMES EXECUTED
- AN ANGEL RESCUES PETER FROM PRISON

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SNAPSHOT OF THESSALONICA

- Cassandra was one of Alexander the Great's main men
- Thessalonica had been named in 315 B.C. by the wife of Cassandra
- Perhaps the wife was the stepsister to Alexander the Great
- Capital of Macedonia
- Very important seaport city



Acts 13:45

But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

Acts 14:1-2

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.



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WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD FOR EVANGELISM?

Being Spirit Filled!



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1 Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,



1 Thessalonians 2:17-19

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?



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BEREA was approximately
40 miles from **THESSALONICA**



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DISCOURAGING CIRCUMSTANCES

Persecution

Accusation

Infancy

God Continues to Grow his Body



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APPLICATION

Against all odds by God's **POWER**, He introduces Himself and grows His church

He doesn't grow His Church without **PEOPLE**



WHAT ARE SOME CONSISTENT TRAITS SEEN AS
GOD MOVES IN HIS PEOPLE?

Courage

Biblically Sound

Love

Faithfulness

Availability

Determination



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