

When the Gospel Came to Ephesus

- A. In New Testament times, Ephesus was the most important commercial city in all of Asia Minor.
- B. At the conclusion of his second missionary journey (51 A.D.), Paul briefly stopped in Ephesus and promised to return, "if God wills" (Acts 18:21).
- C. Paul's third missionary journey began (52 A.D.) in Ephesus; he ended up staying for more than three years. As a result, "all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord" (Acts 19:10).
- D. What can we learn in Acts 18-20 from those years when the gospel first came to Ephesus?

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- ⇒ An ordinary husband and wife made a big _____.
(Acts 18:1-4, 18-21; Rom 16:3-5; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19)

- ⇒ Accurate _____ of the whole counsel of God was needed.
(Acts 18:24-19:7)

- ⇒ The seeds of the _____ were spread with boldness, reasoning, and persuasion.
(Acts 19:8)

- ⇒ Some _____ the message of the Way and some did not.
(Acts 19:9-10)

- ⇒ The _____ of Jesus was clearly communicated.
(Acts 19:11-17)

- ⇒ True _____ was experienced and demonstrated.
(Acts 19:18-20)

- ⇒ People were confronted with the choice between the living God and dead _____.
(Acts 19:23-20:1)

- ⇒ A _____ of believers was established, grew, and matured by the word of God's grace.
(Acts 20:17-38)