

SUMMER ROADTRIP

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN ACTS



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ACTS 13-14

46-47 AD



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ACTS 15:36-18:22

49-52AD



52-57 AD

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ACTS 18:22-21:16



The background image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. It features a body of water in the middle ground, with a range of mountains visible in the distance under a twilight sky. The foreground is a dark, textured surface, possibly a beach or a field of low-lying vegetation. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

A universal missionary strategy: the contextualization of the Gospel

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ACTS 15:36-18:22

49-52AD



16 While Paul was waiting for (Silas and Timothy) in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city.

Acts 17:16-17 (NLT)

21 It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.

Acts 17:21 (NLT)

18 He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said,

Acts 17:18 (NLT)

18 “What’s this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he’s picked up?” Others said, “He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods.”

Acts 17:18 (NLT)

The Areopagus



²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines.

Acts 17:22-23 (NLT)

23 And one of your altars had this inscription on it:
'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you
worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling
you about.

Acts 17:23 (NLT)

24 He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples,

Acts 17:24 (NLT)

25 and human hands can't serve his need – for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

Acts 17:25 (NLT)

26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

Acts 17:26 (NLT)

27 His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him – though he is not far from any one of us.

Acts 17:27 (NLT)

28 For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

Acts 17:28 (NLT)

29 And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

Acts 17:29 (NLT)

30 God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him.

Acts 17:30 (NLT)

31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:31 (NLT)

32 When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, “We want to hear more about this later.”

Acts 17:32 (NLT)

³³ That ended Paul's discussion with them, ³⁴ but some joined him and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 17:33-34 (NLT)

Taking this sermon home....

1. All of us are missionaries, but we won't do much "missionarying" until our hearts are stirred.

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2. Contextualize! Respectfully start where they are at – ask questions, find common ground, and build a bridge, not a wall.

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3. Invite people to respond to the Gospel.

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