



JESUS
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Acts 19

Friendship for the Gospel

**Befriending people is important for the gospel,
and therefore for revival.**

Paul became a friend.
Jesus became our friend.
Jesus through me befriends
and wins others.

Temple of Artemis



Gate of Ephesus



Library of Census



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Public Latrine



Harbor Road



Amphitheater



Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews & Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord....

Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said: "Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia.

Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.” When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and rushed as one man into the theater.



Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.



Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. The Jews pushed Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd shouted instructions to him.



Acts 19:8-10, 23-43

He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours:

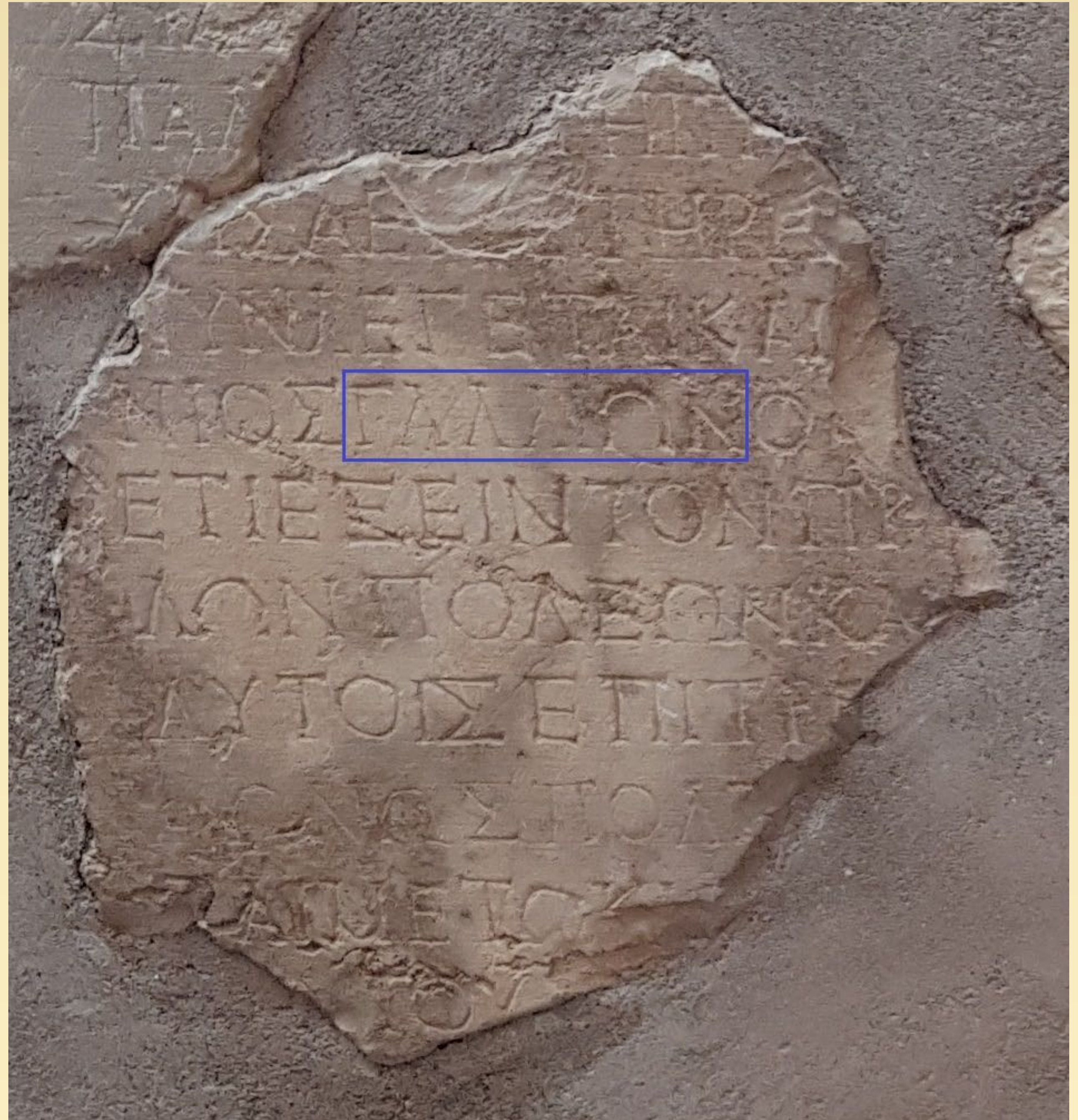
"Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"



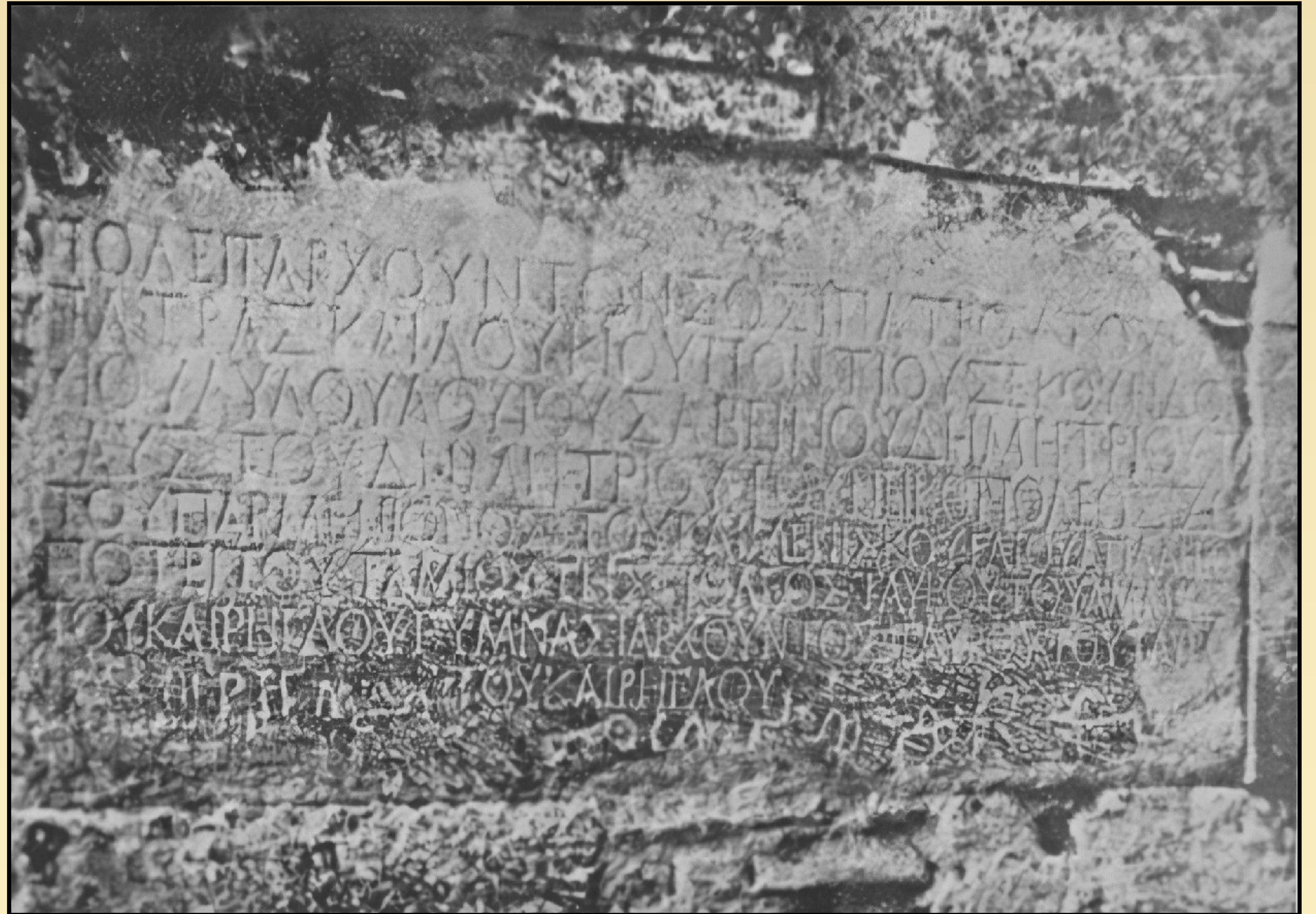
**“Gallio,” or
“Delphi
Inscription”**

**Emperor
Claudius to
Proconsul
Lucius
Julius Gallio
Annaeanus
(Brother of
Seneca)**

AD 51 or 52



**Thessalonian
“Politarch
Inscription”**



“Asiarch Inscription”

**With good
fortune!
The fatherland
[honors]
Marcus
Antonius
Apollodorus,
the asiarch and
our benefactor.**



Asiarchs:

officials appointed by proconsuls and responsible to annually produce games at their own expense promoting worship of the gods and the Roman emperor.

“Caesar is Lord” v. “Jesus is Lord.”

Paul's Relational Style of Evangelism:

- Engaging: Out in community connecting with people
- Regular: Daily—not sporadically, when he felt like doing it
- Persistent: for 2 years
- Discussion: dialogue, not speeches
- Relationship, friendship: Epenetus, Asiarchs
- Strategic: understood value of maintaining good relationships with people outside the church (1 Tim. 3:7)

Paul was great at becoming a friend.

Brought friends into his traveling mission party:

*Luke, Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, Timothy, Tychicus, Trophimus,
Epaphras, Priscilla, Aquila, Aristarchus,
Gaius of Derbe, Gaius of Ephesus, Gaius of Corinth,
Phoebe, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater.*

Paul's audience: "my dear friends."

(Rom 12:19; 1 Cor 10:14; 2 Cor 7:1; 12:19; Ph'p 2:12; 4:1, Ph'n 1:1)

Paul mentions his “dear friends.”

Rom 16:5, 8, 9, 12 ... Epenetus ... Ampliatus ... Stachys ... Persis

Col 4:14 Our **dear friend** Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.

Reference to Paul's friends and Paul as a friend.

Acts 15:25 ...our **dear friends** Barnabas and Paul...

Acts 24:23 Paul kept under guard, but **his friends** allowed to care for his needs.

Acts 27:3 Julius, in kindness to Paul, allowed him to go to **his friends** so they might provide for his needs.

Paul's tact, diplomacy, and friendliness
won over people
naturally predisposed against him and the gospel.

Jesus became our friend.

Luke 7:34 Jesus: “friend of tax collectors and sinners.”

Luke 5:30-32 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

“Whatsoever there is, or can be, that is desirable to be in a friend, is in Christ, and that to the highest degree that can be desired.”

--Jonathan Edwards, *Works*, 19:588

John 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.

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2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Each one, reach one.

**The lost must be as precious to me
as they are to Jesus.**

Invest & Invite.



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