At Ephesus


2. While Paul was doing all this travelling, there was something already going on at Ephesus, concerning a preacher called Apollos. It also involved Priscilla and Aquila whom Paul had made friends with on his second journey (Acts 18:1-3). Luke inserts an account of this episode before describing Paul's work in Ephesus (Acts 18:24-28).

3. One thing Paul did in Ephesus was to correct the lack of understanding about baptism among some disciples, just as Priscilla and Aquila had done earlier with Apollos (Acts 19:1-7).

4. Paul tried to establish a regular ministry preaching in the synagogue, but this lasted only three months and Paul moved his venue to a school and preached there successfully for two years (Acts 19:8-10).


After Ephesus

6. Paul revisited Macedonia and Greece (Achaia) as he had planned (see Acts 19:21). He then went to Troas where Eutychus fell out the window while Paul was preaching (Acts 20:1-12).


8. Paul sailed from Miletus around by Rhodes and past Cyprus, then down to Tyre for a week's respite with the kindly disciples there. After that he made his way to Caesarea to stay with Philip the evangelist. As in Tyre, here also in Caesarea there were prophecies that bode ill for Paul in Jerusalem. But he was resolute (Acts 21:1-14).


Solid Companions

In this third journey, we notice that Paul, in most stages, had many companions travelling with him, including Luke himself at times. People travelled ahead to make arrangements for Paul. People gave him lodging. They prayed, even wept with him. Paul was facing serious problems ahead. He needed the care of his fellow disciples.