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# ACTS

## Paul's Third Missionary Journey



Acts 19-21

Duration:  
**4 Years**

Total Distance:  
**2513 Miles**



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**1. You Might Do The Unnecessary To Show People Love**  
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## 1 Corinthians 9

NKJV

**19** For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

**20** and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

**21** to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

**22** to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

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1. You Might Do The Unnecessary To Show People Love (v26)
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## 2. People May Be Offended By Your Associations (v27-29)



Paul did warn the Gentiles not to get involved in the old Jewish religion; but he nowhere told the Jews that it was wrong for them to practice their customs, so long as they did not trust in ceremony or make their customs a test of fellowship.



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## Sign On The Temple Courtyard Wall

No foreigner may enter within the barricade which surrounds the sanctuary and enclosure. Anyone who is caught so doing will have himself to blame for his ensuing death.

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## Luke 7

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**37** And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

**38** and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

**39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

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## Luke 19

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**7** But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

**8** Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

**9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

**10** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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2. People May Be Offended By Your Associations (v27-29)
3. You Will Love People That Want To Hurt You (v30-36)



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**3. You Will Love People That Want To Hurt You**  
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**Antonia Fortress**

**Courtyard**

**Temple**

**Mount Of  
Olives**





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David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

At this moment, when his life was in danger from an angry mob and he was suspected of being a dangerous criminal, Paul had one thing on his mind: “Let me preach the gospel!”

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4. You Will Speak In A Language People Understand (v37-40)



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**4. You Will Speak In A Language People Understand**  
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The point is not that Paul speaks Greek; it is that he speaks it without an accent, like someone educated and fluent in the language by Aegean standards, which the tribune assumes the Egyptian Jew who had caused problems would not be.



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