

The Apostle Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Acts 18:22-21:16: In 53-57 AD, Paul, (as he did on his prior 2 trips) departed from Antioch and went to Galatia, where he strengthened and taught the believers. He went to Ephesus, on the coast), where he stayed for almost 3 years. He preached for 3 months in the local synagogue, until some of the Jews blasphemed Jesus. He then preached in the School of Tyrannus. He performed miracles, taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ, probably worked as a tentmaker, and wrote his first letter to the Corinthians while in Ephesus. He then sailed across the Aegean Sea to Macedonia, visiting churches he had started there during his 2nd journey and wrote his second letter to the Corinthians. Paul travels to Corinth and stays for 3 months, writing the letter to the Romans.

Paul then turns around, heads back to Macedonia where he meets up with Luke. Island hopping off the coast of Asia (present day Turkey) he returns to Caesarea and then to Jerusalem. In Caesarea, a prophet predicts that Paul will be arrested and imprisoned.

The book of *Colossians* (New Testament)

The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians is the twelfth book of the NT. Paul did *not* visit Colossae. During his 3rd missionary journey (about 54 AD), while in Ephesus, Paul sent Epaphras out and Epaphras started the church in Colossae (about 100 east of Ephesus). The letter was written by Paul and Timothy while Paul was in house-arrest in Rome (about 62 AD).





Paul the Apostle – a Jew and a Roman citizen, Paul (also named Saul) was a Christian apostle who took 3 missionary journeys, crisscrossing the Roman Empire, building Christians and starting churches. Paul wrote 13 letters over a span of 18 years. In 60 AD, he was taken as a prisoner to Rome (which included a ship wreck). He was martyred at age 61 in Rome (66 AD).

Other Names

Luke – Luke was a physician from Antioch of Syria, where the Christian church quickly flourished. A companion of the Apostle Paul on his 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, he also visited him in Rome. After decades of experiences and research (including interviews with Mary, Jesus’ mother, and others) he wrote the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles (in 80 or 90 AD).

Apollos – from Alexandria (Egypt), a Jewish Christian and eloquent speaker. In Ephesus, Priscilla and Aquila, after hearing him, “took him aside and explained to him the way of God more adequately.” He played an important role in the early development of the churches of Ephesus and Corinth.