

Our Lady's Catechists

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Part 3

Number 1

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FIFTEENTH CHAPTER

Verses 1-40

READ verses 1-12: The early Church suffered disagreements from within. People came from Judea telling the new Christians how they should behave, while Paul and Barnabas were telling them an easier way. Notice how they turned to the Apostles and Elders for clarification. First Peter heard their disagreements then, guided by the Holy Spirit spoke of how God treated his people. Then the assembly listened,

READ verses 13-21: Notice again, how James explains God's side first then gives is verdict.

READ verses 22-29: Note the names of those who are sent with Paul and Barnabas. The Apostle also sends a letter giving their instructions about how gentile converts should live purer lives.

READ verses 30-40: Here we learn that the letter was well received in Antioch and was also read in Syria and Cilicia, though this is not mentioned. Notice how Paul takes the lead in decision making and quarrels with Barnabas.

QUESTIONS.

1. What was the disagreement that took place in Antioch?

2. Who went to Jerusalem to discuss the question with the apostles?

3. Which two towns did they pass through?

4. How was the news about the gentile converts received by the brothers?

5. Who welcomed them when they arrived in Jerusalem?

6. Who met together to discuss about who must be circumcised?

7. What did Peter say God did to show his approval of the converts?

8. What was the verdict of James after his speech?

9. Who were those chosen to travel with Paul and Barnabas?

10. Where was the Apostles' letter to be taken to be read?

11. From what must the gentile converts abstain? Name the three things

12. How was the reading of the letter received?

13. Why did Paul and Barnabas quarrel?

14. Where did Barnabas and Mark sail to?

15. Who was the man who travelled with Paul?

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SIXTEENTH CHAPTER

Verses 1-40

READ verses 1-5: We see that it was in Lystra that Paul met Timothy, and so as not to offend the Jews in the area, Paul had him circumcised. Timothy is the same person to whom Paul writes in his Letters, 1 and 2 Timothy

READ verses 6-15: Paul's Journey is long and dangerous. Notice how he is guided by the Holy Spirit and follows the way God calls him to go in his visions.

READ verses 16-24: Here we learn how Paul called on Jesus' name to prevent the spirit possessing the girl from foretelling the future. We also see the result of this action. The Roman's made no distinction between Jews and Christians and it was against their law to follow either religion.

READ verses 25-40:: These verses tell of the well known account of Paul and Silas not taking advantage of a chance to escape their prison and was able to bring the gaoler and his family to baptism. Paul also used his Roman citizenship to gain a more public release from gaol.

QUESTIONS.

1. What were the parents of Timothy?

2. Who were those who spoke well of him?

3. What information did Paul and Silas pass on to each town they visited?

4. Why did Paul decide to visit Macedonia?

5. What was the name of the woman, from Philippi who was baptised?

6. What was her trade?

7. What did the slave-girl do to annoy (Exasperate) Paul?

8. Why was the slave-girls master angry?

9. Why were they flogged and imprisoned?

10. What happened to the prisoners during the night of the earthquake?

11. Why did Paul not accept his release quietly?

12. What did they do in Lydia's house before leaving?

Unscramble these words. They can be found between verses 1-10

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Think about what the words below mean to you and then colour them in, carefully.

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CHILDREN.

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SEVENTEENTH CHAPTER

Verses 1-34

READ verses 1-9: In Thessalonica Paul finds more difficulties. He preaches to the people about the Resurrection of Jesus and finds some believers, mostly gentiles, but trouble is brewing and just like in modern times gangs were brought in to stir up the people with lies. The Christians did not use the word king for Jesus so as not to anger the emperor

READ verses 10-15: Paul and Silas move to Beroea and converts both Jews and Greeks, but the gangs of Thessalonica still want to make trouble. So Paul again moves on.

READ verses 16-22: In Athens we learn that Paul is revolted by what he sees there. He continues to preach and finds these people, while mocking him also enjoy a good discussion, and Paul is willing to debate with them, and gives a long speech.

READ verses 23-34: Paul's speech in Athens shows how clever Paul is when he draws their attention to their own altar 'To an Unknown God.'. He is then able to preach about the One True God. This passage is Worth reading more than once during your lesson.

QUESTIONS

1. Which towns did Paul pass through before reaching Thessalonica?

2. How many times did Paul go to the synagogue to discuss scripture?

3. What did Paul explain and prove to the people there?

4. Why did the Jews go to make trouble for Paul?

5. What was it that revolted Paul to his very soul in Athens?

6. What did some of the pagan listeners call him and what did they think he was preaching?

7. What did Paul notice that he was able to use in his preaching?

8. What does he tell them about the 'unknown God'?

9. Why did he say 'we have no excuse for thinking that the deity looks like anything in gold, silver or stone'?

10. Why must everyone everywhere repent?

11. Why did some of the people laugh?

12. Give the names of the three people named among those who came to believe

Unscramble these place names. They can be found between verses 1-15

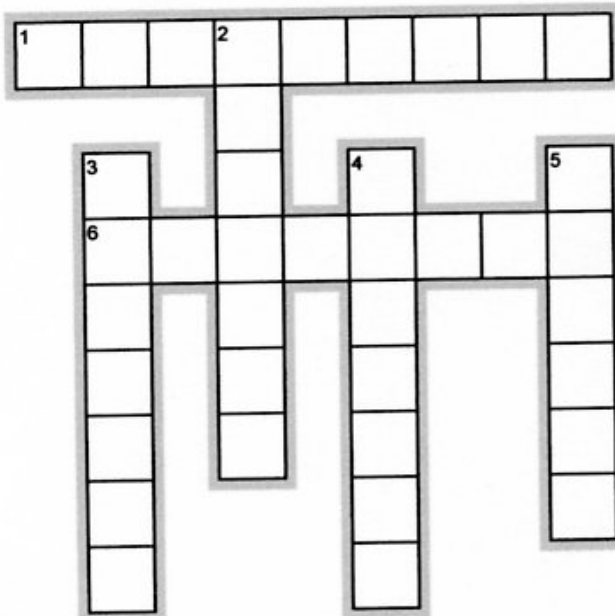
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People and Places

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Across

1. Where Paul had his hair cut.
6. The name of Aquila's wife

Down

2. Where Paul went after he left Athens
3. An eloquent man from Alexandria
4. He travelled with Silas from Macedonia
5. The proconsul of Achaia

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EIGHTEENTH CHAPTER

Verses 1-28

READ verses 1-11: Paul is travelling again, this time to Corinth, a city with two ports and people of many nations. He meets two Jewish people who have been exiled from Rome and stays with them. Paul did not claim his right as a missionary to be supported by others and works at his own trade with Aquila and Priscilla. The Church of the Corinthians has a successful beginning, but trouble begins and Paul, by his actions and words tells the Jews that their refusal to accept his teaching is their own responsibility, not his.

READ verses 12-17: At this time of the early Church Christians are considered to be a sect of the Jewish Faith and not illegal, so the accusations against Paul are thrown out of court. The synagogue president was a believer.

READ verses 18-28: In this passage it seems Paul had taken a vow. This is a vow of dedication to God for a certain period and the one who take the vow is bound by certain obligations, to avoid strong drink and not cut the hair or do anything that will cause ritual uncleanness. Paul is on his travels again, but leaves the others behind as he sails from Ephesus. This leaves the ground clear when Apollos arrives to preach his brand of Christianity.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is the name of the town where Paul goes after Athens?

2 What are the names of the people where Paul stayed?

3. What trade does Paul practice?

4. Where did Paul go each Sabbath?

5. What was he trying to do there?

6. Write down the words God spoke to Paul in his night vision.

7. What accusation did the Jews make against Paul in Achaia?

8. Why did Gallio not take their claims seriously?

9. What did Paul do at Cenchreae?

10. Where did he land before going down to Antioch?

11. Luke now speaks about Apollos. Why did Pricilla and Aquila need to give him instructions?

12. What did he demonstrate from the Scriptures to the Jews?

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NINETEENTH CHAPTER

Verses 1-40

READ verses 1-7: This shows the early Church in formation. The believers in Ephesus had heard only of John the Baptist's way of baptising and were in need of baptism in the name of the Trinity,

READ verses 8-10: These verses return to the work of Paul, after telling us about Apollos and the disciples baptised who did not know about the Holy Spirit. Paul preaches with great fervour until the people turn against him, then he continues for two years in daily discussions. It was during this time that Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians and the Galatians

READ verses 11-20: Here we learn of the miracles worked through items touched by Paul, This is similar to those who trusted in Peter's shadow passing over them in order to bring about a cure. (Acts 5:15) Here we also learn of those who tried to work in Jesus name against evil spirits without authority, and about not practicing magic.

READ verses 21-40: Paul plans to go back to Jerusalem, and also intends to go to Rome, but before he can do this he must face a riot. We see how the new Christianity will change the business of others. The silversmiths who make idols become angry when their trade starts to fail. But Paul and his followers have done no wrong.

Number 4. Answers to Crossword.

APOLLOS CENCHREAE CORINTH GALLIO PRICILLA TIMOTHY

QUESTIONS

1. What did Paul find in Ephesus?

2. How did John the Baptist baptise?

3. What happened to the disciples when Paul laid hands on them?

4. About how many men were there who were baptised?

5. What did Paul speak about in the synagogue?

6. How long was it before the congregation changed toward Paul?

7. What was the Kingdom of God belief called at that time?

8. What did Paul do instead of speaking in the synagogue in Ephesus?

9. How long did he continue to do this?

10. What did the people use to help the sick?

11. Why did the evil spirits not obey the Jewish exorcists?

12. Why did the believers stop practicing magic?

13. What were Paul's next travel plans?

14. Why did the silversmiths riot? _____

15. What did the town clerk say to the people after he had succeeded in calming the crowd?
