

2. LAUNCH THE SOCIETY

as in the Acts of the Apostles

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SECTION A:

INTRO TO IDENTITY AND THE RE-TRACING OF STEPS

Acts 1:1-6:8

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"multiplied the number of disciples in Jerusalem (6:7)



1. Introduction	Ch 1:1-14
<p>1:1 The first account I made concerning all things, O Theophilus, which began Jesus both to do and to teach, 2 until which day having given injunctions to the apostles through Spirit Holy whom he chose he was taken up; <i>c/f Luke 24:50</i> . 3 to whom also he presented himself living after to suffer him by many infallible proofs, through days forty being seen by them and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God. 4 and meeting with them he charged them from Jerusalem not to depart, <i>c/f Lk 24:47</i> but to await the promise of the Father which ye heard of me. 5 because John indeed baptised in water, but ye in Spirit will be baptised Holy not after many these days. 6 The ones so then coming together questioned him, saying: Lord, if at this time restorest thou the kingdom to Israel? <i>c/f Lk 24:21</i> 7 He said to them: Not of you it is to know times or seasons which the Father placed in the his own authority. 8 but ye will receive power coming upon the Holy Spirit upon you, and ye will be of me witnesses both in Jerusalem and in</p>	<p>all Judeae and Samaria and unto the extremity of the earth. 9 And these things saying looking them he was taken up and a cloud received him from the eyes of them. 10 And as gazing they were to heaven going him, behold men two stood by them in garments white <i>c/f Lk 24:4</i> who also said: Men Galilaeans why stand ye looking to heaven? This Jesus the one having been taken up from you to heavens thus will come in the way ye beheld him going to heaven. 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount the one being called of the olive grove, <i>c/f Lk 22:39</i> which is near Jerusalem of a Sabbath having a way. 13 And when they entered into the upper room they went up where they were waiting both Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James Son of Alpheus and Simon the zealot and Judas brother of James. <i>c/f Lk 22:13</i> 14 These all were continuing steadfastly with one mind in prayer with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with the brothers of him. (Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version 1988)</p>
2. Replacement of Judas	Ch 1:15-26
<p>15 And in these days standing up Peter in the midst of the brothers said: was and the crowd of names together about a hundred twenty: 16 Men brothers, it behoved to be fulfilled the Scripture which spoke before the Spirit Holy through the mouth of David concerning Judas the one having become guide to the ones taking Jesus. 17 because having been numbered he was among us and obtained the portion of this ministry. 18 This one therefore bought a field out of the reward of unrighteousness, and swollen up having become he burst asunder in the middle, and were poured out all the bowels of him. 19 and known it became to all the ones inhabiting Jerusalem, so as to be called that field in their own language Aceldamuch, this is Field of blood. 20 For it has been written in the roll of Psalms: Let become</p>	<p>the estate of him deserted and let not be the one dwelling in it, and: The office of him let take another. 21 It behoves therefore of the accompanying us men in all the time in which went in and went out among us the Lord Jesus, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us, a witness of the resurrection of him with us to become one of these. 23 And they set two, Joseph the one being called Barabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And praying they said: Thou Lord Heart-knower of all men, show whom thou didst chose of these two one 25 to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which fell Judas to go to the place own. 26 and they gave lots for them, and fell the lot on Matthias, and he was reckoned along with the eleven apostles. <i>c/f Lk 22:3</i></p>

3. Holy Spirit converts crowds

Ch 2:1-47

2:1 And in the to be completed the day of Pentecost they were all together 2 and there was suddenly out of heaven a sound as being born of a wind violent and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 and there appeared to them being distributed tongues as of fire, and it sat on one each of them 4 and they were filled all of the Spirit Holy, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave to speak out them. 5 Now there were in Jerusalem dwelling Jews, men devout from every nation of the ones under heaven; 6 happening when this sound came together the multitude and were confounded, because they heard one each in his own language speaking them. 7 and they were amazed and marvelled saying: not behold all these are the ones speaking Galilaeans? 8 and how we hear each in his own language of us in which we were born. 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the ones inhabiting Mesopotamia, both Judea and Capodocia, Pontus and Asia. 10 Phrygia both and Pamphilis. Egypt and the regions of Libya over against Cyrene, and the temporarily residing Romans 11 Jews both and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear speaking

them in the our tongues the great deeds of God? 12 And were amazed all and were troubled other to other saying: What wishes this to be? 13 But others mocking said Off with sweet wine having been filled they are. 14 But standing Peter with the eleven lifted up the voice of him and spoke out to them. *c/f Lk 21:37* Men Jews and the ones inhabiting Jerusalem all, this to you known let be, and give ear to the words of me. 15 For not as ye imagine these men are drunk, for its is hour third of the day. 16 but this is the thing having been spoken through the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall be in the last days, says God, I will pour out from the Spirit of me on all flesh, and will prophesy the sons of you and the daughters of you, and the young men of you visions will see, and the old men of you dreams will dream; 18 and on the male slaves of me and on the female slaves of me in those days I will pour out from the Spirit of me, *c/f Lk 21:34-36* and they will prophesy. 19 and I will give wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapour of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before to come day of the Lord the great and notable. 21 and it will be everyone whoever invokes the name of the Lord will be saved. 22 Men Israelites, hear e words these: Jesus the Nazarene a man

having been approved from God among you by powerful deeds and wonders and signs which did though him God in the midst of you, as yourselves ye know, 23 this man by the having been fixed counsel and foreknowledge of God given up through the hand of lawless men fastening ye killed 24 whom God raised up loosening the pangs of death, because it was not possible to be held him by it. 25 For David says t him: I foresaw the Lord before me always because on right of me he is, lest I be moved. *c/f Lk 20:41* 26 Therefore was glad of me the heart and exulted the tongue of me, and now also the flesh of me will dwell on in hope. 27 because not thou wilt abandon the soul of me in Hades nor wilt thou give the holy one of thee to see corruption. 28 Thou maddest known to me ways of life, thou wilt fill me of with gladness with the presence of thee. 29 Men brothers, it is permitted to speak with plainness to you concerning the patriarch David, that both he died and was buried, and the tomb of him is among us until this day. 30 A prophet therefore being and knowing that with an oath swore to him body of the fruit of the loins of him to sit on the throne of him. 31 foreseeing he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither he was abandoned in Hades nor the flesh of him saw corruption. 32 this Jesus raised up God,

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of which all we are witnesses: 2:33 to the right hand therefore for God having been exalted the and promise of the spirit Holy receiving from the Father he poured out this which ye both see and hear. 34 For not David ascended to the heavens but says he: Said the Lord to the Lord of me: Sit at right of me. 35 until I put the enemies of thee a footstool of the feet of thee. 36 Assuredly therefore let know all the house of Israel that both Lord him and Christ made God, this Jesus whom ye crucified. 37 And hearing they were stung in the heart, and said to Peter and the remaining apostles:

What may we do men brothers? 38 Peter and to them: Repent ye, and let be baptised each of you in the name of Jesus Christ with a view to forgiveness of the sins of you and ye will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, 39 For to you is the promise and to the children of you and to all the ones far away, as many as may call to him the Lord the God of us. 40 And with other words many he solemnly witnessed and exhorted them saying: Be ye saved from generation perverse this. 41 The ones therefore welcoming the word of him were baptised, and there were added in that day souls about three thousand; 42 and they were continuing steadfastly in the teaching of the apostles and

in the fellowship in the breaking of the loaf and in the prayers. 43 And came to every soul fear: and many wonders and signs through the apostles happened. 44 And all the believing ones together had all things common, 45 and the properties and the possessions they sold and distributed them to all, according to anyone need had. 46 And from day to day continuing steadfastly with one mind in the temple and breaking from house to house bread, they shared food in gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added the ones being saved from day to day together.



4. Cure of lame man**Ch 3:1-4:4**

3: 1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of the prayer the ninth. 2 And a certain man lame from the womb mother of him being was being carried, whom they used to put from day to day at the door of the temple being called Beautiful to ask alms from the ones entering into the temple: 3 who seeing Peter and John being about to go in into the temple asked alms to receive. 4 And gazing Peter at him with John said: Look at us. 5 And he paid heed to them expecting something from them to receive. said And Peter: Silver and gold not is to me: but what I have, this to thee I give: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene walk. 7 And seizing him of the right hand he raised him at once and were made firm the feet of him and the ankle-bones 8 leaping up he stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And saw all the people him walking and praising God; 10 and they recognised him, that this was the one for alms witting at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and bewilderment at the thing having happened to him. 11 and holding him Peter and John ran together all the people to them at the porch being called of Solomon greatly amazed. 12 and seeing Peter answered to the people: Men

Israelites, why marvel ye at this man, or at us why gaze ye as by our own power or piety having made to walk him? 13 The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of the fathers of us, glorified the servant of him Jesus, whom ye delivered and denied in the presence of Pilate, having decided that one to release him; 14 but ye the holy and just one denied, and asked a man a murderer to be granted you, 15 and the Author of life ye killed, whom God raised from the dead, of which we witnesses are. 16 and on the faith of the name of him this man whom ye behold and know, made firm the name of him, and the faith through him gave them soundness before all you. 17 and now brothers I know that by way of ignorance ye acted, as also the rulers of you; 18 but God the things he for announced through the mouth of all the prophets, to suffer the Christ of him fulfilled thus. 19 Repent you therefore and turn for the to be wiped away of you the sins, 20 so as may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and he may send the having been for appointed for you Christ Jesus. 21 whom it behoves heaven to receive until the

times of restitution of all things which spoke God through the mouth of the holy from the age of him prophets. 22 Moses indeed said. A prophet for you will raise up the Lord God of the brothers of you as me: him shall ye hear according to all things whatever he may speak to you. 23 and it shall be every soul whoever hears not that prophet will e utterly destroyed out of the people. 24 also all And the prophets from Samuel and the ones in order as many as spoke also announced days these. 25 Ye are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with the fathers of us; saying to Abraham: And in the seed of thee shall be blessed all the families of the earth. 26 To you first having raised up God the servant of him sent him blessing you in the to turn away each one from the iniquities of you.

4:1 And speaking them to the people, came upon them the priests and the commandant of the temple and the Sadducees 2 being greatly troubled because they taught them the people and to announce by Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 and laid on them their hands and put in guard till the morrow; for it was evening now. 4 many But of the ones hearing the word believed and became the number of the men about thousands five.

5. Peter's Address

Ch 4:5-31

4: 5 Now it came to pass on the morrow to be assembled of them the rulers and the elders and the scribes in Jerusalem 6 and Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander and as many as were of the race high-priestly, 7 and having stood them in the midst inquired: By what power or in what name did this ye? 8 Then Peter filled of with the Spirit Holy said to them: Rulers of the people and elders. 9 If we today we are being examined in a good dead man of an infirm by what this man has been healed. 10 known let it be to all you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you whole. 11 This is the stone despised by you the ones building, the one become to head of the corner. *c/f Lk 20:17* . 12 And there is not in other not any the salvation: for neither name is there other under heaven having been given among men by which it behoves to be saved us. 13 And beholding the of Peter boldness and of John and perceiving that men unlettered they are and laymen, they marvelled, and recognised them that with Jesu they were. 14 the and man seeing with them standing having been healed, nothing they had to say against, 15 So having commanded them outside the council to go, they discussed with one another 16 saying: What may we do men to these? for that indeed a notable sign has happened through them to all the ones inhabiting Jerusalem is manifest, and we cannot to deny it; 17 but lest more it is spread abroad to the people, let us threaten them no longer to speak on name this to no anyone of men. 18 and calling them they charged at all not

to utter nor to teach on the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answering said to them; if right it is before God, you to hear rather than God, decide ye; 20 for cannot we things which we saw and heard not to speak. 21 and they having added threats released them, nothing finding how they might punish them, because of the people, because all men glorified God on the thing having happened; 22 for of years was more than forty the man on whom had happened this sign of cure. 23 And being released they went to the own people and reported what things to them the chief priests and the elders said. 24 And they having heard with one mind lifted voice to God and said: Master thou the one having made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all things in them, 25 the one the father of us through the Spirit Holy by mouth of David servant of thee saying: Why raged nations and peoples devised vain things? 26 came the kings of the earth and the rulers assembled together against the Lord and against the Christ of him. 27 For assembled in truth in city this against the holy servant of thee Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with nations and peoples of Israel. 28 to do what things the hand of thee and the counsel forordained to happen. 29 And now Lord, look on the threatenings of them, and give to the slaves of thee with boldness all to speak the word of thee, 30 by the hand to stretch forth thee for cure and signs and wonders to happen through the name of the holy servant of thee Jesus. 31 And requesting them was shaken the place in which they were having been assembled, and they were filled all of with the Holy Spirit, and spoke the word of God with boldness.



6. All things in common	Ch 4:32-37
<p>4:32 Now of the multitude of the ones having believed was the heart and soul one, and not one anything of the possessions belonging said his own to be, but were to them all things common. 33 and with power great gave the testimony the apostles of the Lord Jesus of the resurrection and grace great was upon all them. 34 For neither needy anyone was among them: for as many as owners of lands or of houses were,</p>	<p>selling brought the prices of the things being sold 35 and placed at the feet of the apostles; and it was distributed to each according as anyone need had. 36 And Joseph the one surnamed Barnabas from the apostles which is being translated Son of consolation, a Levite, a Cypriote by race, 37 being to him a field having sold it brought the proceeds and placed at the feet of the apostles.</p>
7. Reprimands couple	Ch 5:1-11
<p>5:1 And a certain man Ananias by name with Sapphira the wife of him sold a property, 2 and appropriated from the price aware of it also his wife and bringing a certain part at the feet of the apostles placed it. 3 But said Peter: Ananias why filled Satan the heart of thee to deceive thee the spirit Holy and to appropriate from the price of the land? 4 Not remaining to thee it remained and sold in they authority it was? Why was put in the heart of thee action this? thou didst not lie to men but to God. 5 And hearing Ananias these words falling expired: and came fear great on all the ones hearing. 6 And rising up the young men wrapped him and carrying out buried him.</p>	<p>7 and there was of about hours three an interval and the wife of him not knowing the thing having happened entered 8 And answered to her Peter: Tell me, if of so much the land ye sold? And she said: Yes of so much. 9 And Peter to her: Why was it agreed with you to tempt the Spirit of the Lord, behold the feet of the ones having buried the husband of thee at the door and they will carry out thee. 10 and she fell at once at the feet of him and expired; and entering the young men found her dead, and carrying out buried her beside the husband of her. 11 and came fear great on all the church and on all the ones hearing these things.</p>
8. Healed all	Ch 5:12-16
<p>5:12 And through the hands of the apostles happened signs and wonders many among the people and were with one mind all in the porch of Solomon; 13 and of the rest no one dared to be joined to them, but magnified them the people; 14 more and were added believing ones to the Lord, multitudes both</p>	<p>of men and of women; 15 so as even into the streets to bring out the ailing and to place on pallets and mattresses, that coming of Peter if even the shadow might overshadow some one of them. 16 And came together also the multitude of the round about cities Jerusalem, carrying ailing ones and being tormented by spirits unclean, who were healed all.</p>

9. Angel opened door

Ch 5:17-6:7

5:17 And rising up the high priest and all the ones with him, the existing sect of the Sadducees, were filled of with jealousy 18 and laid on the hands on the apostles and put them in custody publicly. 19 But an angel of the Lord through during the night opened the doors of the prison and leading out them said: 20 Go ye and standing speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. 21 And having heard they entered about the dawn into the temple and taught. And having come the high priest and the ones with him called together the council and all the senate of the sons of Israel, and sent to the jail to be brought them. 22 But the having come attendants found not them in the prison; and having returned they reported 23 saying the all we found having been shut in all security and the guards standing at the doors, but having opened inside no one we found. 24 And was heard these words the both commandant of the temple and the chief priests they were in doubt about them what might become this thing. 25 and having come someone reported to them. Behold the men, whom ye put in the prison, are in the temple standing and teaching the people. 26 then going the commandant with the attendants brought them not with force, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned; 27 and bringing they

stood in the council, And questioned them the high priest 28 saying: With charge we charged you not to teach on this name, and behold ye have filled Jerusalem of with the teaching of you, and intend to bring on us the blood of this man. 29 and answering Peter and the apostles said: to obey It behoves God rather than men. 30 The God of the fathers of us raised Jesus, whom ye killed hanging on a tree. 31 this man God a Ruler and a Saviour exalted to the right hand of him to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses of these words and the Spirit Holy which gave God to the ones obeying him. 33 And the ones hearing were cut and intended to kill them 34 But standing up a certain in the council Pharisee by name Gamalliel, a teacher of the law honoured by all the people, commanded outside a little the men to make put. 35 said and to them: Men Israelites, take heed to yourselves on to these men what ye intend to do. 36 For before these days stood up Theudas, saying to be someone himself to whom were attached of men a number about four hundreds; who was killed and all as many as obeyed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After this stood up Judas the Galilean in the days of the enrolment and drew away people after him; and that man perished and all as many as obeyed him were

scattered. 38 And now I say to you, stand away from these men and leave them; because if be of men this counsel or this work, it will be destroyed; not be able to destroy them lest even fighters against God ye be found. and they obeyed him. 40 and having called to them the apostles beating charged not to speak on in the name of Jesus and released them. 41 They therefore went rejoicing from the presence of the council because they were deemed worthy on behalf of the name to be dishonoured. 42 and every day in the temple and from house to house they ceased not teaching and preaching the Christ Jesus .c/f **Lk 19:47**

6:1 Now in these days being multiplied the disciples there was a murmuring of the **Hellenists against the Hebrews**, because were overlooked in the service daily the widows of them having called to them and the twelve the multitude of the disciples said: not pleasing it was us leaving the word of God to serve tables. 3 look ye out But brothers, men of you being witnessed to seven as full of Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint over this office 4 but we to the prayer and to the service of the word will keep. 5 And pleased the word before all the multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and Spirit of Holy, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus a proselyte of Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles and having prayed they placed on them their hands. 7 And the word of God grew, and was multiplied the number of the disciples in Jerusalem greatly and a much great crowd of the priests obeyed the faith.

"multiplied the number of disciples in Jerusalem"(6:7)

Section B

RECOGNISE AUTHENTICITY OF OUTSIDERS

Acts 6:8 - 11:29

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Beyond Religious Law System	Ref	Location	Disciple and 'outsider'
1. . Power is in the person not a system	6:8-8:3	Outside Jerusalem	Stephen & Saul
<p>6:8 and Stephen full of grace and of power did wonders and signs great among the people. 9 But rose up some of the ones of the synagogue being called of Freedmen and of Cyrenians and of Alexandrians and of the ones from Cilicia and Asia discussing with Stephen. 10 and were not able to withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke. 11 Then they suborned men saying. We have heard him speaking words blasphemous against Moses and God. 12 and they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and coming on they seized him and led to the council. 13 and stood witnesses false saying. This man ceases not speaking words against place holy this and the law; 14 for we have heard him saying the Jesus the Nazarene this will destroy this place and will change the customs which delivered to us Moses. 15 and gazing at him all the ones sitting in the council saw the face of him as a face of an angel. 7:1 And said the high priest; if these things thus have 2</p>	<p>And he said: Men brothers and fathers , hear ye. The God of glory appeared to the father of us Abraham being in Mesopotamia before to dwell him in Charran, 3 and said to him: Go forth out of the land of thee and the kindred of thee, and come into the land whichever to thee I may show. 4 Then going forth out of the land of the Chaldaens he dwelt in Charran, And thence after his father died the father of him God removed him into this land in which ye now dwell. 5 and gave not to him an inheritance in it nor a foot's space and promised to give him for a possession it and the seed of him after him, not being to him a child. 6 and spoke thus God, that will be the seed of him a sojourner in a land belonging to others and they will enslave it and will ill-treat years four hundred; and the nation whichever they will serve will judge I God said; and after these things they will come forth and will worship me in this place. 8 And he gave him a covenant of circumcision; and thus he</p>	<p>begat Isaac and circumcised him on the day eighth, and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs. 9 and the patriarchs becoming jealous Joseph sold into Egypt; and was God with him. 10 and rescuer him out of all the afflictions of him, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he appointed him governor over Egypt and all the household of him. 11 But came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan and affliction great, and found not sustenance the fathers of us. 12 having heard But Jacob being corn in Egypt sent forth the fathers of us first; 13 and at the second time was made known, Joseph to the brothers of him, and manifest became to Pharaoh the race of Joseph. 14 And sending Joseph called Jacob the father of him and all the his kindred in souls seventy-five. 15 and went down Jacob to Egypt, and died he and the fathers of us. 16 and were transferred to Sychem and were put in the tomb which bought Abraham of a price of silver from the</p>	

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sons of Emmor in Sychem. 7:17 and as drew near the time of the promise which declared God to Abraham, grew the people and were multiplied in Egypt. 18 until rose up king another over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 19 This man dealing craftily with the race of us ill-treated the fathers to make the babes exposed of them to the not to be preserved alive. 20 At which time was born Moses, and was fair to God; who was reared months three in the house of the father; 21 being exposed and him took up him the daughter of Pharaoh and reared him to herself for a son. 22 And was trained Moses in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was powerful in words and works of him. 23 But when was fulfilled to him of forty years a time, it came up upon the heart of him to visit the brothers of him the sons of Israel. 24 And seeing one being injured he defended him, and he wrought vengeance for the one getting eth worse striking the Egyptian. 25 Now he supposed to understand the brothers that God through hand of him would give salvation to them; but they

understood no. 26 And on the coming day he appeared to them fighting, and attempted to reconcile them in peace saying: Men brothers ye are; why injure ye each other? (Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version) 27 But the one injuring the neighbour thrust away him saying: Who thee appointed a ruler and a judge over us? 28 not to kill me thou wishest in the same way as thou killest yesterday the Egyptian? 29 So fled Moses at this word, and became a sojourner in the land Midian, where he begat sons two. 30 And being fulfilled years forty appeared to him in the desert of the mount Sinai an angel in a flame of fire of a thorn bush. 31 and Moses seeing marvelled at the vision; and approaching him to take notice there was a voice of the Lord; 32 I the God of the fathers of thee, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, But trembling becoming Moses dared not to take notice. 33 And said to him the Lord; Loosen the sandal of the feet of thee; for the place on which thou standest ground holy is. 34 Seeing I saw the ill-treatment of the people of me in Egypt, and the groan

and sacrifices ye offered to me years forty in the desert O house of Israel, 43 and ye took up the tent of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the models which ye made to worship them? and I will deport you beyond Babylon. 44 The tent of witness was to the fathers of us in the desert, as commanded the one speaking to Moses to make it according to the model which he had seen; 45 which also brought in having received the fathers of us with Jesus in the possession of the nations, whom put out God from the face of the fathers of us, until the days of David; 46 who found favour before God and asked to find a tent for the house of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built for him a house. 48 But not the Most High in places made by hand dwells; as the prophet says: 49 The heaven to me a throne, and the earth a footstool of the feet of me; what house will ye build for me, says the Lord or what place of the rest of me? 50 not the hand of me made these things all? 51 Hard-necked and uncircumcised in hearts and ears, ye always the Spirit Holy oppose, as the fathers of you also ye. 52 Which of the prophets persecuted not

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of it I heard, and I came down to rescue them; and now come I will send thee to Egypt. 7:35 This Moses, whom they denied saying: Who thee appointed a ruler, and a judge? this man God both a ruler and a redeemer has sent with the hand of the angel appearing to him in the bush. 36 This man led forth them doing wonders and signs in the land Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the desert years forty. 37 This is the Moses saying to the sons of Israel; A prophet for you will raise up God of the brothers of you as me. 38 This is the one having been in the church in the desert with the angel speaking to him in the mount Sinai and with the fathers of us, who received land Egypt, we know not what happened to him. 41 And they made a model of oracles living to give to you. 39 to whom wished not obedient to become the fathers of us, but thrust away and turned in the hearts of them to Egypt, 40

saying to Aaron: Make for us gods which will go before us; for the Moses, who led for us out of the a calf in those days and brought up a sacrifice to the idol, and made merry in the works of the hands of them. 42 And turned God and delivered them to worship the host of heaven, as it has been written in the roll of the prophets. Not victims the fathers of you? and they killed the ones announcing beforehand concerning the coming of the righteous one, of whom now ye betrayers and murderers became. 53 who received the law in dispositions of angels and did not keep it. 54 And hearing these things they were cut to the hearts of them and gnashed the teeth at him. 55 But being full of the Spirit Holy gazing into heaven he saw the glory of God and ***Jesus standing at the right hand of God.*** 56 and said: Behold I see the heavens having been opened up and the Son of man at the

right hand standing of God 7::57 And crying out voice with a great they closed the ears of them, and rushed with one mind on him. 58 and casting out *outside the city* they stoned him. And the witnesses put off the parents of them at the feet of a young man being called **Saul**. 59 And they stoned Stephen, invoking God and saying: Lord Jesus, receive the spirit of me. 60 And placing the knees he cried voice with a great: Lord place not to them this sin. And this saying he fell asleep. 8 And Saul was consenting to the killing of him. 8:1 And there was in that day persecution a great against the church in Jerusalem; and all were scattered throughout the countries of Judea and Samaria except the apostles. 2 And recovered Stephen men devout and made lamentation great over him. 3 But Saul ravaged the church house by house entering, dragging both men and women delivered to prison.



2. . Separate spiritual favour and money	8:4-25	Samaria	Philip & Samaritans
<p>8:4 The ones therefore being scattered passed through preaching the word. 5 But Philip going down to the city of <i>Samaria</i> proclaimed to them the Christ. 6 and gave heed the crowds to the things being said by Philip with one mind in the to hear them and to see the signs which he was doing. 7 For many of the ones having spirits unclean crying voice with a great came out; and many having been paralysed and lame were healed; 8 and there was much joy in that city. 9 And a certain man by name Simon was previously in the city practising sorcery and astonishing the nation of Samaria, saying to be someone himself great, 10 to whom gave heed all from small to great saying: This man is the power of God being called great. 11 And they gave heed to him because of the for a considerable time by the sorceries to have astonished the. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised both men and women. 13 And Simon also himself believed and having been baptised was attaching himself to Philip, and beholding signs and powerful deeds great happening he was amazed. 14 hearing and the in Jerusalem apostles that has received Samaria the word of God, they sent to</p>	<p>them Peter and John, 15 who going down prayed concerning them so as they might receive Spirit Holy: 16 for not yet he was on not any one of them having fallen on, but only having been baptised they were in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid on the hands of them, and they received Spirit Holy. 18 and seeing Simon that through the laying on of the hands of the apostles is given the Spirit, he offered them money saying: 19 Give me also authority this that whomever I lay on the hands he may receive Spirit Holy. 20 But Peter said to him: <i>the silver of thee with thee may it be into perdition, because the gift of God thou didst suppose through money to get.</i> 21 There is not to thee part nor lot in this matter; for the heart of thee is not right before God. 22 Repent thou therefore from wickedness of thee this, and petition the Lord if perhaps will be forgiven thee the thought of the heart of thee; 23 for in gall of bitterness and bond of unrighteousness I see thee being. 24 And answering Simon said: Petition ye for me to the Lord, so as not one may come on me of the things which ye have spoken. 25 They therefore having solemnly witnessed and having spoken the word of the Lord returned to Jerusalem, and many villages of the Samaritans evangelised.</p>		
3. . Trust the Inter-racial	8:26-40	Ethiopia	Philip & Ethiopian
<p>8:26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying: Rise up and go along south on the way going down from Jerusalem to Gaza; this is desert. 27 And rising up he went. And behold a man Ethiopian a eunuch a courtier of Candace queen <i>Ethiopian</i> who was over all the treasure of her, who had come worshipping in Jerusalem. 28 and was returning and sitting on the chariot of</p>	<p>him and was reading the prophet Esaias. 29 and said the Spirit to Philip: approach and keep company with this chariot. 30 And running up Philip heard him reading Esaias the prophet, and said: Then knowest thou what things thou art reading? 31 And he said: <i>How indeed should I be able unless someone shall guide me? And he besought Philip coming up to sit with him.</i> 32</p>		

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Now the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this: As a sheep to slaughter he was led, and as a lamb before the one shearing it is dumb, so he opens not the mouth of him. 8:33 In the humiliation the judgment of him was taken away; the generation of him who will relate? because is taken from the earth the life of him. 34 And answering the eunuch to Philip said: I ask thee about whom the prophet says this? about himself or about other someone? 35 And opening Philip the mouth of him and beginning from this Scripture preached to

him Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the way, they came upon certain water, and says the eunuch: Behold water: what prevents me to be baptised? 38 And he commanded to stand the chariot, and went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptised him. 39 And when they came p out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord seized Philip and saw not him no anymore the eunuch, for he went the way of him rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found in Azotus, and passing through he evangelised the cities all until the to come him to Caesarea.



4. . Recognise power outside of any central group	9:1-31	Damascus	Ananias & Saul
<p>9:1 But Saul still breathing threatening and murder against the disciples of the Lord approaching to the high priest asked from him letters to Damascus for the synagogue, so a if any he found of the way being, both men and women, having been bound he might bring them to Jerusalem. 3 In now as he went to go it came to pass him to draw near to <i>Damascus</i>, and suddenly him shone round a light out of heaven, 4 and falling on the earth he heard a voice saying to him: Saul, Saul, why me persecutes thou? 5 And he said: Who art thou, Lord? And he said I am Jesus whom thou persecutes; 6 but rise thou up, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thee it behoves to do. Now the men journeying with him stood speechless, hearing indeed the sound, but no man beholding. 8 And was raised Saul from the ground and having been opened the eyes of him nothing he saw; and leading by the hand him they brought into Damascus. 9 and he was days three not seeing, and ate not nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple in Damascus by name Ananias, and said to him in a vision the Lord: Ananias, And he said: Behold I Lord, 11 and the Lord said to him: Rising up go thou to the street being called Straight and seek in the hose of Judas Saul by name a Tarsian; for behold he is praying. 12 and saw a man in a vision Ananias by name coming in and putting on him hands, so as he may see again. 13 And answered Ananias, Lord, I heard from many about this man, how many evil things to the saints of thee he did in Jerusalem? 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all the ones invoking the name of thee. 15 said But to him the Lord: Go thou because a vessel of choice is to me this man to bear the name of me before the nations both and kings sons and of Israel; 16 for I will show him how many things it behoves him on behalf of the name of me to suffer. 17 and went away</p>			<p>Ananias and entered into the hose and putting on him the hands said: Saul brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus the ones appearing to in the way which thou camest, so as thou mayest see again and be filled of Spirit Holy. 18 And immediately fell away of him from the eyes as scales, and he saw again, and rising up was baptised. 19 and taking food was strengthened. Now he was with the in Damascus disciples days some. 20 and immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus that this one is the Son of God. 21 And were amazed all the ones hearing and said: Not this man is the one having destroyed in Jerusalem the ones invoking the name, and here for this he had come, that having been bound them he might bring before the chief priests? 22 But Saul more was filled with power and confounded Jews the ones dwelling in Damascus, proving that this one is the Christ. 23 And when were fulfilled days considerable. 24 consulted together the Jews to kill him; but was known to Saul the plot of them, and they carefully watched also the gates both by day and by night so as him the might destroy; 25 but taking the disciples of him by night through the wall let down him lowering in a basket. 26 And arriving at Jerusalem he tried to be joined to the disciples; and all feared him, not believing that he is was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas taking hold of him led to the apostles, and narrated to them how in the way he saw the Lord and that he spoke to him, and how in Damascus he spoke boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 And he was with them going in and going out in Jerusalem speaking boldly in the name of the Lord, 29 Spoke both and discussed with the Hellenists; and they attempted to kill him. 3 But knowing the brothers brought down him to Caesarea and sent forth him to Tarsus. 31 The therefore church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace being built and going in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit was multiplied.</p>

5. . Encourage movement**9:32-34****Lydda****Peter & Aeneas**

9:32 Now it came to pass **Peter** passing through all quarters to come down also to the saints inhabiting *Lydda*. 33 And he found there a certain man by name **Aeneas**

of years eight lying on a mattress who was having been paralysed. 34 And said to him Peter: Aeneas, cures thee Jesus Christ; ***rise up and gird thyself.*** And immediately he rose up.

6. . Be oriented towards re-birth**9:35-43****Joppa****Peter and Dorcas**

9:35 And saw him all the ones inhabiting Lydda and Saron, who turned to the Lord in *Joppa*. Now a certain was disciple by name Tabitha. 36 who being translated is called **Dorcas**: this woman was full works of good and of alms which she did. 37 And it happened in those days ailing being ill she died; and having swashed they put her in an upper room. 38 Now near being Lydda to Joppa the disciples having heard that **Peter** was in it sent two men to him beseeching: not hesitate to come to us. 39 And rising up Peter went with them: whom arriving they led up into the upper room, and stood by him

all the widows weeping and showing tunics and garments, which made with them being Dorcas. 40 And putting out outside all Peter and kneeling down (placing the knees) he prayed, and turning to the body said: ***Tabitha, rise up.*** And she opened the eyes of her, and seeing Peter sat up. 41 and giving her a hand he raised up her; and calling the saints and the widows he presented her living. 42 And known it became throughout all Joppa, and believed many on the Lord. 43 And it came to pass days several to remain in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.



7. . Appreciate the Inter-cultural	10:1-48	Caesarea	Peter & Cornelius
<p>10:1 Now a certain man in <i>Caesarea</i> by name Cornelius, a centurion of a cohort being called Italian, 2 devout and fearing God with all the household of him, doing alms many to the people and petitioning God continually 3 saw in a vision clearly as it were around hour ninth of the day, an angel of God entering to him and saying to him: Cornelius. 4 And he gazing at him and terrified becoming said: What is it, Lord? And he said to him: The prayers of thee and the alms of thee went up for a memorial before God 5 And now send men to Joppa and summon Simon one who is surnamed Peter: 6 this man is lodged with one Simon a tanner, to whom is a house by the sea. 7 and as went away the angel speaking to him, calling two of the household and soldier a devout of the ones waiting on him, 8 and explaining all things to them sent the to Joppa. 9 And on the morrow journeying those and to the city drawing near went up Peter onto the roof to pray about hour sixth. 10 And he because hungry and wished to taste</p>	<p>and preparing them there came on him an ecstasy 11 and he beholds the heaven having been opened and coming down a certain vessel like sheet a great, b four corners being let down onto the earth, 12 in which were all the quadrupeds and reptiles of the earth and birds of the heaven. 13 And there came a voice to him: Rise up, Peter, slay and eat. 4 But Peter said: Not at all, Lord, because never did I eat everything common and unclean. 15 And a voice again a second time came to him: <i>What things God cleansed thou not treat as unclean.</i> 16 And this occurred on three occasions and immediately was taken up the vessel into heaven. 17 Now as in himself was doubting Peter what might be the vision which he saw, beyond the men having been sent by Cornelius asking for the house of Simon stood of at the porch, 18 and calling inquired if Simon being surnamed Peter here is lodged. 19 And Peter pondering about the vision said the Spirit: Behold men two seek thee; 20 but rising up go down, and go with them nothing doubting,</p>	<p>because I have sent them. 21 And going down Peter to the man said: 22 And they said: Cornelius a centurion, a man just and fearing God and being witnessed to by all the nations of the Jews, was warned by angel a holy to summon thee to the house of him and to hear words from thee. 23 Calling in therefore them he lodged And on the morrow rising up he went forth with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And on the morrow he entered into Caesarea; and Cornelius was awaiting them having called together the relatives of him and the intimate friends. 25 Now when it came to pass the to enter Peter, meeting him Cornelius falling as the feet worshipped. 26 But Peter raised him saying: Stand up; also I myself a man am. 27 And taking with him he entered, and finds having come together many. 28 and said to them: Ye understand how unlawful it is for a man a Jew to adhere or to approach a foreigner; and to me God showed not any common or unclean to call man; 29 Wherefore indeed unquestioningly I came being summoned.</p>	

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I inquire therefore, for what reason ye summoned me? 10:30 And Cornelius said From fourth day until this hour I was at the ninth praying in the house of me, and behold a man stood before me in clothing bright, 31 and says: Cornelius, was heard of thee the prayer and the aims of thee were remembered before God. 32 Send thou therefore to Joppa and send for Simon who is surnamed Peter; this man is lodged in the house of Simon a tanner by the sea. 33 At once therefore I sent to thee, and thou well didst arriving. Now therefore all we before God are present to hear all the things having been commanded thee by the Lord. 34 And opening Peter the mouths said: On truth I perceive that not is a respecter of persons God. 35 but in every nation the one fearing him and working righteousness acceptable to him is; 36 the

word which he sent to the sons of Israel preaching peace through Jesus Christ: this one is of all Lord. 37 Ye know that which took place throughout al Judea beginning from Galilee after the baptism which proclaimed John 38 Jesus the one from Nazareth how anointed him God with Spirit Holy and power, who went about doing good and curing all the ones being oppressed by the devil, because God was with him; 39 and we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews and Jerusalem; whom indeed they killed hanging on a tree. 40 This one God raised on the third day and gave him visible to become 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses having been previously appointed by God to us, who are with and drank with him after he rose again out of (the) dead; 42 and he commanded us to proclaim

to the people and solemnly to witness that this man is the (one) having been designated by God judge of living and of dead 43 To this man all the prophets witness, forgiveness of sin to receive through the name of him everyone believing in them. 44 While Peter was still speaking these words fell on the Spirit Holy on all the (ones) hearing the discourse. 45 And were amazed the of (the) circumcision faithful as many as accompanied Peter because also on the nations the gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out; 46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then answered Peter 47 Not the water can to forbid anyone not to be baptized these, who the Spirit Holy received as also we? 48 And he commanded them in the name of Jesus Christ to be baptized. Then they asked him to remain days some.

8. . Be ready to adjust

11:1-18

Jerusalem

Ones of circumcision & Peter

11:1 Now heard the apostles and the brothers being throughout Judea that also the nations received the word of God. 2 And when went up Peter to *Jerusalem*, disputed with him the

ones of the circumcision saying, Thou enteredst to men uncircumcision having and didst eat with them. 4 And beginning **Peter** explained to them in order saying 5 I was in

the city Joppa praying, and I saw in an ecstasy a vision, coming down a certain vessel as sheet a great by four corners having been let down out of heaven, and it came up to me; 6 into which going I perceived, and I saw the quadrapeds of the earth and the wild beasts and the reptiles and the birds of the heaven. 7 And I heard also a voice saying to me: Rise up, Peter stay and eat. 8 And I said: Not at all Lord, because a common or unclean thing never entered into the mouth of me. 9 And answered a second time a voice out of heaven: What God cleansed thou regard not common. 10 And this happened on three occasions and was pulled again all things to heaven. 11 And behold at once three men stood at the house in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me. 12 And told the spirit me to go with

them nothing doubting. And came with me also six brothers these, and we entered into the house of the mine. 13 And he reported to us how he saw the angel in the house of him standing and saying: Send to Joppa and summon Simon being surnamed Peter. 14 who will speak words to thee by which mayest be saved thou and all the household of thee. 15 And in the to begin me to speak fell on the Spirit Holy on them as also on us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said: John indeed baptised with water, but ye will be baptised in Spirit Holy. 17 If therefore the equal gift gave them God as also to us, having believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, I who was to be able to hinder God? 18 *And hearing these things they kept silence and glorified God* saying: Then also to the nations God repentance to life gave.

**9. . Encourage
mutual financial support**

11:19-29

Antioch

**Barnabas, Paul
& 'Christians'**

19 The ones therefore being scattered from the affliction occurring over Stephen passed through to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, to no one speaking the word except only to Jews. 20 But where some of them men Cypriotes and Cyrenians, who coming to Antioch spoke also to the Greeks preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And was the hand of the Lord with them, and a much number believing turned to the Lord. 22 And was heard the account in the ears of the church being in Jerusalem about them, and they sent out Barnabas to Antioch; 23 who arriving and seeing the grace of God rejoiced, and exhorted all with purpose of heart to remain with the Lord. 24 because he was man a good and full of the Spirit Holy and of faith. And was added a crowd

considerable to the Lord. 25 And he went forth to Tarsus to seek Saul, 2 and finding brought to Antioch. And it happened to them also year a whole to be assembled in the church and to teach a crowd considerable, and to call firstly in *Antioch* the disciples **Christians**. 27 And in these days came down from Jerusalem prophets to Antioch; 28 and rising up one of them by name Agabus signified through the Spirit famine a great to be about to be over all the inhabited earth; which happened in the time of Claudius. 29 So of the disciples as was prosperous anyone, *they determined each of them for ministration to send to the dwelling in Judea brothers*; 30 which indeed they did sending to the elders through the hand of **Barnabas and of Saul**.

Section C

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Acts 12:1 - 15:29

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Coping Response	Reference	Opposer	Likely Motive
1. . Power through Prayer	12:1-23	Herod	Politics
<p>12:1 Now at that time laid on Herod the king the hands to ill-treat some of the ones from the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with a sword. 3 And <i>seeing the pleasing it is was to the Jews he added to great also Peter</i>, and they were days of unleavened bread, 4 whom also seizing he put in prison, delivering to four quarternions of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring up him to the people. 5 therefore Peter was kept in the prison; but prayer was earnestly being made by the church to God concerning him. 6 And when was about to bring forward him Herod, might in that was Peter sleeping between two soldiers having been bound with chains two, and guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 and behold an angel of the Lord came upon, and a light shone in the building; and striking the side of Peter he raised him saying: Rise up in haste, and fell off of him the chains off the his hands. 8 And said the angel to him: Gird thyself and put on the sandals of thee. And he did so. And he tells him: Cast round the garment of thee and follow me. 9 And going forth he followed and knew not that true is the thing happening through the angel, but he through a vision to see. 10 And going through the first prison and the second they came on the gate iron leading to the city, which of itself was opened to them, and going out they went forward street one, and immediately departed the angel from him. 11 And Peter in himself having become said: Now I know truly that sent forth the Lord the angel of him and delivered me out of the hand of</p> <p>(Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version 1988)</p>		<p>Herod and of all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 2 And realising he came on the house of Mary the mother of John being surnamed. Mark, where were many having been assembled and praying. 13 And knocking him the door of the porch approached a maidservant to listen by name Rhoda, 14 and recognising the voice of Peter from joy she did not open the porch, but running in a announced to stand Peter before the porch. 5 But they to her said: Thou ravest. But she emphatically asserted to have be. So they said: The angel it is of him. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and having opened they saw him and were amazed. 17 and beckoning to them with the hand to be quiet he related to them how the Lord him led out of the prison and said: Report to James and to the brothers these things. and going out he went to another place. 18 And becoming day there was disturbance not a little among the soldiers what then of Peter became. 19 And Herod searching for him and not finding, examining the guards commanded to be led away, and going down from Judea to Caesarea stayed. 20 Now he was being furiously angry with Tyrians and Sidonians, and with one mind they came to him, and having persuaded Blastus the one over the bed chamber of the king they asked peace, because the to be fed of them the country from the royal. 21 And on an appointed day Herod having been arrayed with clothing regal sitting on the tribunal made a public speech to the. 22 and the mob cried out; Of a god a voice and not of a man. 23 And at once smote him an angel of the Lord because he gave not the glory to God, and becoming eaten by worms he expired.</p>	

2. . Power through truth**12:24-13:12****sorcerer****monetary**

24. But the word of the Lord grew and increased. 25 And Barnabas and Saul returned out of Jerusalem having completed the ministration, taking with them John surnamed Mark. 13:1 Now there were in Antioch among the existing church prophets and teachers both Barnabas and Simeon being called Niger and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen of Herd the tetrarch foster brother and Saul. 2 And ministering them to the Lord and fasting said the Spirit Holy: Separate ye so then to me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have called them: 3 then having fasted and having prayed and laying on their hands them they dismissed them. 4 They therefore sent out by the Holy spirit went down to Seleucia, and thence sailed away to Cyporus. 5 and being in Salamis they announced the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they had also John as attendant. 6 And

passing through all the island unto Paphos they found a certain man a sorcerer a false prophet Jewish, to whom name Barjetous, 7 who was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, man an intelligent. This man calling to him Barnabas and Saul sought to hear the word of God: 8 but opposed them Elymas **the sorcerer**, for so is translated the name of him, seeking to divert the proconsul from the faith. 9 But Saul the one also Paul, ***filled of with Spirit Holy gazing at him said: 10 O full of all deceit and of all fraud,*** son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease perverting the ways of the Lord right? 11 And now behold the hand of the Lord is on thee, and thou wilt be blind not seeing the sun until such a time. And at once fell on him a mist and darkness, and going about he sought leaders by the hand. 12 Then seeing the proconsul the thing having occurred believed, being astounded at the teaching of the Lord.



3. . Material Independence**13:13-52****The
Jews****Influence amongst
wealthy**

13:13 And setting sail from Paphos the ones around with Paul came to Perga of Pamphylia; and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. 14 And they going through from Perga arrived in Antioch the Pisidian, and going into the synagogue on the day of the Sabbath sat down. 15 And after the reading of the law and of the prophets sent the synagogue rulers to them saying: Men brothers, if any there is among you word of exhortation to the people say ye. 16 and rising up Paul and beckoning with the hand said: Men Israelites and the ones fearing God, hear ye. 17 the God people of this Israel those the fathers of us, and the people exalted in the sojourn in the land of Egypt, and with arm a high he led forth them out of it. 18 And about forty years time endured them in the desert, 19 and having destroyed nations seven in the land Canaan gave as an inheritance the land of them. 20 about years four hundreds and fifty. And after these things he gave judges until Samuel a prophet. 21 And thence they asked a king, and gave them God Saul son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, years forty; 22 and removing him he raised David to them for a king, to whom also he said giving witness: I found David the son of Jesse, a man according to the heart of me, who will do all the wishes of me. 23 Of this man God from the seed according to promise brought to Israel a Saviour Jesus. 24 previously proclaiming John before face of the entrance of him a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 Now as completed John the course, he said: What me suppose ye to be? Not am I: but behold he comes after me of whom I am not worthy the sandal of the feet to loosen. 26 Men brothers, sons of the race of Abraham and the ones among you fearing God, to us the word of this salvation was sent forth. 27 For the ones dwelling in Jerusalem and the rulers of them this man not knowing and the voices of the prophets throughout every Sabbath being read judging they fulfilled, 28 and no cause of death finding they asked Pilate to be destroyed him; 29

and when they finished all the things concerning him having been written taking down from the tree they laid in a tomb. 30 But God raised him out of the dead; 31 who appeared over days many to the ones having come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who now are witnesses of him to the people. 32 And we to you preach the to the fathers promise having come. 33 that this promise God has fulfilled to the children to us raising up Jesus as also in the psalm it has been written second: Son of me art thou, I today have begotten thee. And that he raised up him out of the dead no more being about to return to corruption, thus he has said: I will give you the holy things of David the faithful. 35 Wherefore also in another psalm he says: Thou wilt not give the holy one of thee to see corruption. 36 For David indeed his own generation having served the of God counsel fell asleep and was added to the fathers of him and saw corruption: 37 but he whom God raised did not see corruption. 38 Known therefore let it be to you; men brothers, that through this man to you forgiveness of sins is announced and from all things from which ye could not by the law of Moses to be justified. 39 by this man everyone believing is justified. 40 Look ye therefore lest come on you the thing having been said in the prophets; 41 See the despisers and marvel ye and perish because a work work I in the days of you, a work which by no means ye believe if anyone declare to you. 42 And going out them they besought in the intervening Sabbath to be spoken to them these words. 43 And being broken the assembly followed many of the Jews and of the worshiping proselytes Paul and Barnabas, who speaking to them persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And on the coming Sabbath almost all the city was assembled to hear the word of God. 45 But seeing **the Jews the crowds were filled with jealousy** and contradicted the things by Paul being spoken blaspheming. 46 And speaking boldly Paul and Barnabas said: To you it was necessary firstly to be spoken the word of God: since ye put away it and not worthy judge yourselves of the eternal life, behold we turn to

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the nations. 13:47 For thus has commanded us the Lord: I have set thee for a light of nations to be thee for salvation to the end of the earth. 48 And hearing the nations rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord, and believed as many as were having been disposed to life eternal; 49 and was carried through the word of the Lord through

all the country. 50 But *the Jews urged on the worshipping women honourable and the chief men of the city*, and raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from the borders of them. 51 But *they shaking off the dust of their feet* on them came to Iconium, 52 and the disciples were filled of with joy and of with Spirit Holy.

4. . Perception to escape**14:1-6****The disobeying Jews****Crowd influence**

14:1 Now it happened in Iconium together to enter them into the synagogue of the Jews and to speak so as to believe both of Jews and of Greeks *a much great multitude*. 2 But **the disobeying Jews** excited and embittered the minds of the nations against the brother. 3 A considerable therefore time they continued speaking boldly on the Lord witnessing to the word of the grace of

him, giving signs and wonders to happen through the hands of them. 4 But was divided the multitude of the city, and some were with the Jews, but others with the apostles. 5 And when there was a rush of the nations both and of Jew with the rulers of them to insult and to stone them, 6 *perceiving they escaped* to the cities of Lycaonia Lystra and Derbe and the neighbourhood;

5. . Stress on humanness**14:7-18****Crowds****Adulation**

14:7 and there evangelising they were. 8 And a certain man impotent in Lystra in the feet sat, lame from the womb of the mother of him who never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking: who gazing at him and seeing that he has faith to be healed. 10 said with a voice: Stand up on the feet of the erect. And he leaped up and walked. 11 And **the crowds** seeing what did Paul lifted up the voice of them in Lycaonian saying: the gods made like men came down to us, 12 and *they called Barnabas Zeus, and Paul Hermes*, since he was the leader of the discourse. 13 And the priest of Zeus being before the city, bulls and garlands to the gates bringing with the crowds

wished to sacrifice. 14 But hearing the apostles Barnabas and Paul, rending the garments of themselves rushed out into crowd, crying out: 15 and saying: Men why these things do ye? *also we of like nature are to you men*, preaching to you from these vanities to turn to God a living, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them: 16 who in the having passed generations allowed all the nations to go in the ways of them; 17 and yet not unwitnessed himself left doing good, from heaven us rain giving and times fruit-bearing, filling of with food and of with gladness the hearts of us. 18 And these things saying scarcely they restrained the crowds not to sacrifice to them.

6. . Brotherly Support	14:19-28	Iconium Jews	desire for leadership
<p>14:19 Came upon And from Antioch and Iconium Jews, and <i>persuading the crowds</i> and stoning Paul dragged outside the city, supposing him to have died. 20 <i>But surrounding the disciples him rising up</i> he entered into the city. And on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And evangelising that city and having made disciples many they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. 22 confirming the minds of the disciples, exhorting to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions it behoves us to enter into the Kingdom of God. 23 And having appointed</p>		<p>for them in every church elders, praying with fastings they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 And passing through Pisidis they came to Pamphylia, 25 and speaking in Perga the word they came down to Attalia, and thence sailed away to Antioch. 26 whence they were having been commended to the grace of God for the work which they accomplished. 27 And having arrived and assembling the church, they reported what things did God with them, and that he opened to the nations a door of faith. 28 And they <i>continued time not a little with the disciples.</i></p>	
7. . Salvation through spiritual strength	15:1-29	Some of Pharisee sect	Sect control
<p>15:1 And some going down from Judaea taught the brothers. Unless ye are circumcised by the custom of Moses, ye cannot to be saved. 2 And taking place discord and questioning not a little by Paul and Barnabas with them, they assigned to go up Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question. 3 They therefore being set forward by the church passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria telling in detail the conversion of the nations, and caused joy great to all the brothers. 4 And having arrived in Jerusalem they were welcomed from the church and the apostles and the elders, and reported what things God did with them. 5 But stood forth some of the ones from the sect of the Pharisees having believed, saying. It behoves to circumcise them and to charge to keep the law of Moses. 6 And were assembled the apostles and the elders to be about this matter. 7 And much questioning having taken place rising up Peter said to them: Men brothers, ye understand that from days olden among you chose God through the mouth of me to hear the nations the word of</p>		<p>the gospel and to believe. 8 And the Heart-knower God witnessed to them giving the Spirit Holy as also to us. 9 and nothing distinguished between us both and them, by faith cleansing the hearts of them. 10 Now therefore why test ye God, to put on a yoke on the neck of the disciples, which neither the fathers of us nor we were able to bear? 11 but through the grace of the Lord Jesus we believe to be saved in the same way as those also. 12 And was silent all the multitude, and heard Barnabas and Paul relating what did God signs and wonders among the nations through them. 13 And after they kept silence they answered James saying: 4 Men brothers, hear ye me, Simeon declared even as firstly God visited to take out of the nations a people for the name of him. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets, even as it has been written: 16 After these things I will return and I will rebuild the tent of David having fallen, and the things having been overturned of it I will rebuild and I will rear again it. 17 so as may seek the rest of men the Lord even all the nations on whom has been invoked the name of me on them, says the Lord doing these things. 18 known from</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued Next Page</i></p>	

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the age. 15:19 Wherefore I decide not to trouble the ones from the nations turning to God. 20 but to write word to them to abstain from the pollutions of idols and fornication and a things strangled and blood. 21 For Moses from generations ancient in every city the ones proclaiming him has in the synagogues on every Sabbath being read. 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and to the elders with all the church chosen men of them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, Judas being called Barabbas and Silas, men leading among the brothers. 23 writing through the hand of them: the apostles and the elder brothers to the throughout Antioch and Syria and Cilicia brothers of the nations greeting. 24 Since we

heard that some of us troubled you with words unsettling the minds of you *to whom we did not give commission*, 25 it seemed good to us becoming of one mind, chosen men to send to you with the beloved of us Barnabas and Paul. 26 men having given up the lives of them on behalf of the name of the Lord of us Jesus Christ. 27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, and they through speech announcing the same things. 28 ***For it seemed good to the Spirit Holy and to us nothing more to be put on you burden than these necessary things***, 29 to abstain from idol sacrifices and blood and things strangled and fornication: from which keeping yourselves well ye will do. Farewell.

Apostles and elder brothers sending reduced rules throughout Antioch, Syria and Cilicia 15:29

Section D

HEED MULTIPLE VOICES AND THE LIVING WORD.

Acts 15:30 - 20:32

Paragraph "Hooks" are references to the 'Word of God'

Note the wide range of vocabulary used for "speaking"

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15:30 They therefore being dismissed went down to Antioch, and assembling the multitude handed in the letter. 31 And having read they rejoiced at the *exhortation*. 32 And Judas and Silas, also themselves prophets being, through *speech much exhorted* the brothers and

confirmed;33 and having continued a time they were dismissed with peace from the brothers to the ones having sent them. 35 But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, *teaching and preaching with also others many the word of the Lord*.

(Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version 1988)

2. The "word" continues to live on with those who 'have' it

<i>. let us visit . (where) . we announced the word . (and see) how they have (it)</i>	16:33	15:36-41
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15:36 Now after some days *said* to Barnabas Paul: Returning then let us visit the brothers throughout city every in which *we announced the word of the Lord how they have*. 37 Barnabas And wished to take with them also John being called Mark: 38 Paul but thought fit withdrawing from them from Pamphlia

and not going with them to the work, not to take with them this one. 39 And there was sharp feeling so as to separate them from each other, and Barnabas taking Mark to sail away to Cyprus. 40 But Paul having chosen Silas went forth, being commended to the grace of the Lord by the brothers. 41 and he went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.

3. .Speaking the "word" is permitted by the Ultimate Spirit

. . prevented by - Holy Spirit to speak -
word in Asia . .not allowed them - Spirit of Jesus

16:6

16:1-16:10

16:1 And he came down also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold a certain disciple was there by name Timothy, son woman Jewish of a faithful but father of a Greek, 2 who was *witnessed to* by the in Lystra and Iconium brothers. 3 This one wished Paul with him to go forth, and taking circumcised him on account of the Jews being in those places; they knew for all that a Greek the father of him was. 4 Now as they went through the cities, they delivered to them to keep the *decrees* having been by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. 5 The therefore churches were strengthened in the faith and

increased in number daily.6 And they went through the Phrygian and Galatian country, ***being prevented by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia***; 7 but coming against Mysia they attempted into Bithynia to go, and ***not allowed them the Spirit of Jesus***: 8 so passing by Mysia they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision through during night to Paul appeared, a man Macedonian certain was standing and *beseeking him and saying*: Crossing Macedonia help us. 10 So when the vision he saw, immediately we sought to go forth to Macedonia concluding that has had called us God to *evangelise* them.



4. The "word" is spoken to those ready to believe

. Believe . . and they spoke to him the word of God with all . . in the house of him

16:32

16:11-40

16:11 And setting sail from Troas we ran a straight course to Samothracia, and on the next day to Neapolis, 12 and thence to Philippi which is the first of the part of Macedonia city, a colony. And we were in this city staying days some. 13 And on the day of the Sabbaths we went forth outside the gate by a river where we supposed a place of prayer to be, and sitting we *spoke* to the coming together women. 14 And a certain woman by name Lydia, a dealer in purpose of the city of Thyatira, worshipping God, heard, of whom the Lord opened up the heart to take heed to the things being spoken by Paul. 15 and when she was baptised and the household of her, she *besought saying*: If ye have decided me faithful to the Lord to be, entering into the house of me remain; and she *urged* us. 16 And it happened going us to the place of prayer, a certain maid having a spirit of a python to meet us, who gain much brought to the masters of her *practising soothsaying*. 17 This one following after Paul and us cried out saying: These men slaves of the God most high are, who announce to you a way of salvation. 18 And this she did over many days. But becoming greatly troubled Paul and turning to the spirit he said: I *charge* thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out from her: and it came out in the same hour. 19 And seeing the masters of her that went out the hope of the gain of them, having seized Paul and Silas dragged to the marketplace before the rulers. 20 and bringing to them the praetors said: These men are greatly troubling of us the city, Jews being. 21 and they *announce* customs which it is not lawful for us to receive not to do Romans being. 22 And rose up together the crowd against them, and the praetors tearing off of them the garments *commanded* to flog. 23 and many laying on them stripes three into prison, *charging* the jailer securely to keep them: 24 who a charge such having received threw them into

the inner prison and the feet secured of them in the stocks. 25 And about midnight Paul and Silas *praying praised* in a hymn God, and listened to them the prisoners; 26 and suddenly earthquake there was a great, so as to be shaken the foundations of the jail and were opened at once the doors all, and of all the bonds were loosened. 27 And awake having become the jailer and seeing having been opened the doors of the prison, having drawn the sword was about himself to kill, supposing to have escaped the prisoners. 28 But *called Paul with a great voice saying*: Nothing do thyself harm, for all we re here. 29 asking And lights he rushed in, and trembling becoming he fell before Paul and Silas, 30 and leading forward them outside said: Sirs, what me behoves it to do that I may be saved. 31 And they said: ***Believe on the Lord Jesus***, and shalt be saved thou and the household of thee. 32 ***And they spoke to him the word of God*** with all the ones in the house of him. 33 And taking them in that hour of the night he washed from the stripes, and was baptised he and the all of him all at once. 34 bringing up and them to the house he set before them a table, and *exulted* with all the household having believed God. 35 And day coming sent the praetors the tipstiffs *saying*: Release men those. 36 And *announced* the jailer these words to Paul, have sent The praetors that ye may be released. Now therefore going forth proceed in peace. 37 But Paul *said* to them. Having beaten us publicly uncondemned men Romans being, they three us into prison; and now secretly us they expel? No indeed, but coming themselves us let them bring out. 38 And *reported* to the praetors the tipstiffs these words. And they were afraid hearing that Romans they were 39 and coming *besought* them, and bringing out asked to go away from the city. 40 And going out from prison they entered to the house of Lydia, and seeing they *exhorted* the brothers and went forth.

5. . The "word" is received by those who include the wealthy

.. and these were more noble .. who received the word with all eagerness

17:11

17:1-34

17:1 And travelling through Amphipolis and Apollonia they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 according to And the custom with Paul he entered to them, and on Sabbaths there *lectured* to them from the Scriptures. 3 opening up and setting before them that the Christ it behoved to suffer and to rise again out of the dead, and that this is was the Christ, Jesus, whom I *announce* to you. 4 And some of them *were persuaded* and threw in their lot with Paul and Silas, both of the worshipping Greeks multitude a much and of women the chief not a few. 5 But becoming jealous the Jews and taking aside of the loungers in the marketplace the men and some wicked and having gathered a crowd disturbed the city, and coming on the house of Jason sought them to bring forward to the mob; 6 not finding but them they dragged

Jason and some brothers to the politarchs, *crying*, the ones the inhabited earth having turned upside down these men also here have arrived, 7 whom has received Jason; and these all contrary to the decrees of Caesar act, king another *saying* to be Jesus. 8 And they troubled the crowd and the politarchs hearing these things; 9 and taking the surety from Jason and the rest released them. 10 And the brothers immediately through the night sent forth but Paul and Silas to Beroea, who having arrived into the synagogue of the Jews went; 11 *and these were more noble than the ones in Thessalonica, who received the word with all eagerness*, daily examining the Scriptures if have these things so. 12 Many therefore of them believed, and of the Greek women honourable and of men not a few.

6. . The "word" has opponents

.. announced by Paul the word of God, they (Jews) came there also . .troubling

17:13

17:13-34

17:13 But when knew the from Thessalonica Jews that also in Beroea was *announced by Paul the word of God, they came there also shaking and troubling the crowds*. 14 So immediately then Paul sent away the brothers to go as far as to the sea, but remained both Silas and Timothy there. 15 And the ones conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens, and receiving *a command* to Silas and Timothy that as quickly they should come to him they departed. 16 And in Athens awaiting them Paul, was provoked the spirit of him in him beholding full of images being the city. 17 He *addressed* therefore in the synagogue

the Jews and the ones worshipping and in the marketplace every day to the ones chancing to be there. 18 But some also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers fell in with him, and some said: What may wish ignorant plagiarist this to say? And others said: Of foreign demons he seems an announcer to be, because Jesus and the resurrection he preached. 19 taking hold And of him to the Areopagus they led him *saying*: Can we to know what the new by thee *being spoken teaching* is? 20 for startling things some thou bringest in to the ears of us; we are minded therefore to know what wishes these things to be.

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17:21 Athenians. Now all and the dwelling strangers for nothing different have leisure either to say something or to hear something newer. 22 And standing Paul in the midst of the Areopagus said: Men Athenians, in everything how very religious you I behold. 23 passing along For and looking up at the objects of worship of you I found also an altar in which had been inscribed TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore being ignorant ye reverence, this I *announce* to you, 24 The God the one having made the world and all the things in it, this one of heaven and of earth being lord not in hand-made shrines dwells. 25 not by hands human is served having need of anything, he giving to all life and breath and all things; 26 and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, fixing having been appointed seasons and the boundaries of the dwelling of them. 27 to seek God, if perchance they might feel after him and might find, though not far from one each of

us being. 28 in him For we live and move and are, as indeed some of the among you poets have said: of him For also offspring we are. 29 Offspring therefore being of God we ought not to suppose, to gold or to silver or to stone, to an of art and of mediation of man, the divine to be like. 30 The so then times of ignorance having God now declares to men all men everywhere to repent. 31 because he set a day in which he is about to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness, by a man whom he designated, guarantee offering to all having raised up him out of the dead. 32 And hearing of a resurrection of dead persons, some *scoffed*, others said: We will hear thee concerning this also again. 33 Thus Paul went forth from the midst of them. 34 But some men adhering to him believed, among whom both Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman by name Damaria and others with them. (Note: "the word" not mentioned in relation to Athens)

7. . The "word" urges proclamation

. . was pressed by the word Paul, solemn witnessing to the Jews to be the Christ Jesus

18:5 18:1-6

18:1 After these things departing out of Athens he came to Corinth. 2 And finding a certain Jew by name Aquila, belonging to Pontus by race, recently having come from Italy, and Priscilla wife of him because of the to have commanded Claudius to depart all the Jews from Rome, he came to them. 3 and because of the same trade to be he remained with them, and they wrought; for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he

lectured in the synagogue on every Sabbath, he *persuaded* both Jews and Greeks. 5 And when came down from Macedonia both Silas and Timothy, ***was pressed by the word Paul, solemn witnessing to the Jews to be the Christ Jesus.*** 6 But resisting them and *blaspheming* shaking off the garments he said to them: The blood of you on the head of you; clean I from now to the nations will go.

8. . Teaching the "word" is commanded by the Final "I AM"

.. said . Lord . speak and not keep silence . I am with thee . . teaching . . word of God

18:11 18:7-23

18:7 And removing thence he went into the house of one by name Titus Justus worshipping God of whom the house was being next door to the synagogue. 8 Now Crispus the synagogue ruler believed the Lord with all the household of him, and many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptised. 9 And *said the Lord* in the night through a vision to Paul; Do not fear, but *speak and keep not silence, 10 because I am with thee* and no one shall set on thee to ill treat thee, because people is to me much in this city. 11 And he sat a year and months six *teaching among them the word of God* 12 And Gallio proconsul being of Achaia set on with one mind the Jews Paul and brought him to the tribunal, 13 *saying*, differently from the law *urges* This man men to worship God. 14 And being about Paul to open the mouth *said* Gallio to the Jews: If indeed it was crime some or villany evil, O Jews, rightly I would endure you; 15 but if questions it is concerning a

word and names and law the according to you, ye will see yourselves a judge I of these things do not intend to be. 16 And he drove away them from the tribunal. 17 But seizing all Sosthenes the synagogue ruler they struck him in front of the tribunal; and not one of these things to Gallio mattered. 18 But Paul yet having remained days many, to the brothers *bidding* farewell he sailed away to Syria and with him Priscilla and Aquila, having shorn in Cenchrea the head; for he had a vow. 19 And they came down to Ephesus, and those he left there, but he entering into the synagogue *lectured* to the Jews. 20 And *asking* them over a more longer time to remain he consented not. 21 but *bidding farewell and saying*: Again I will return to you God willing, he set sail from Ephesus, 22 and coming down to Caesarea, going up and *greeting* the church, he went down to Antioch. 23 and having spent time some he went forth, passing through in order the Galatian country and Phrygia *confirming* all the disciples.



9. . The "word" expects attention

. . *some hardened and disobeyed, (others) came to hear word*

19:9

18:24-19:10

18:24 And a certain Jew **Apollos** by name an Alexandrian by race, a man eloquent, came to Ephesus, powerful being in the scriptures. 25 This man was orally instructed (in) the way of the Lord, and burning in spirit he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, understanding only the baptism of John; 26 and this man began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And hearing him Priscilla and Aquila took him and more accurately to him explained the way of God. 27 And intending him to go through into Achaia, being encouraged the brothers wrote to the disciples to welcome him: who arriving contributed much to the (ones) having believed through grace; 28 vehemently for the Jews he confuted publicly proving through the scriptures to be the Christ Jesus. 19:1 Now it came to pass in the Apollos to be in Corinth Paul having passed through the higher parts to come to Ephesus and to find some disciples. 2 and *said* to them: If Spirit Holy ye received believing? And they said to him.

But not if Spirit Holy there is we heard. 3 And he said: To what therefore were ye baptised? And they said: To the of John baptism. 4 And *said* Paul; John baptised with a baptism of repentance, to the people *saying* in the one coming after him that they should believe, this is in Jesus. 5 And hearing they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And laying on them Paul hands came the Spirit Holy on them, and they *spoke in tongues and prophesied*. 7 And were the all men about twelve. 8 And entering in to the synagogue he *spoke boldly over months three lecturing and persuading* concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But as some were hardened and *disobeyed speaking* all of the way before the multitude, withdrawing from them he separated the disciples, daily *lecturing* in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this happened over years two so as all the Asia heard inhabiting Asia to **hear the word of the Lord**, Jews both and Greeks.



10. . The "word" is increased and strengthened by the "I AM"

.. by might of the Lord the word increased and was strong

19:20 18:24-19:10

19:11 And powerful deeds not the ordinary God did through the hands of Paul. 12 so that there were even brought away from his skin, handkerchiefs or aprons onto those who ailed and the diseases were rid from them and the evil spirits went out. 13 But attempted some also of the strolling Jews exorcists *to name over* the ones having the spirits evil the name of the Lord Jesus saying: I exorcise you by Jesus whom Paul *proclaims*. 14 And there were of one Sceva a Jewish chief priest seven sons this doing. 15 And *answering* the spirit evil said to them: indeed Jesus I know and Paul I understand; but ye who are? 16 And leaping on the man

on them, in whom was the spirit evil, overmastering both was strong against them so that they escaped out of that house naked and wounded. 17 this And because known to all Jews both and Greeks inhabiting Ephesus, and fell on fear on all them, and **was magnified the name of the Lord Jesus**: 18 and many of the ones having believed came confessing and telling the doings of them. 19 And a considerable number of the ones of the curious things doing bringing together the rolls burnt before all; and they reckoned up the prices of them and found pieces of silver thousand five. 20 Thus *by might of the Lord the word increased and was strong*.

11. . The "word" is linked in with "the way"

.. no small amount of trouble concerning "the way"

19:20 19:21-19:41

19:21 And when were fulfilled these things, purposed Paul in the spirit passing through Macedonia and Achaia to go to Jerusalem, saying. After to become me there it behooves me also Rome to see. 22 And sending into Macedonia two of the ones ministering to him, Timothy and Erastus, he delayed a time in Asia. 23 Now there was about time that **trouble no little concerning the way**. 24 For Demetrius one by name, a silversmith, making shrines silver of Artemis provided the artisans no little trade, 25 whom assembling also the about (in) such things workmen said: "Men, ye understand that from this trade the gain to us is, 26 and ye behold and hear that not only of Ephesus but almost of all Asia Paul this having persuaded perverted a considerable crowd, saying that they are not gods the (ones) through hands coming into being. 27 not only Now this is in danger to us the share into disrepute to come, but also the of the great goddess Artemis temple for (as) nothing to be reckoned to be about and also to be diminished the greatness of her, whom all Asia and the inhabited earth worships. 28 And hearing and becoming full of anger they cried out saying: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians. 29 And was filled the city of (with) the confusion and they rushed with one mind into the theatre keeping a firm grip on Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, travelling companions of Paul. 30 Paul And intending to enter into the mob not allowed him the disciples. 31 some and also of the Asiarchs, being to him friends, sending to him besought

not to give himself in the theatre. 32 Others indeed therefore different something cried out: for with the assembly having been confounded, and the majority knew not of what on account they had come together. 33 But some of the crowd instructed Alexander, putting forward him the Jews, and Alexander waving the (his) hand wished to defend himself to the mob. 34 But knowing that a Jew he is (was) **voice** there was one from all, **about over hours two crying out**; "Great Artemis of (the) Ephesians. 35 having quietened And the town clerk the crowd says: "Men Ephesians, who indeed is there of men who does not know the of (the) Ephesians city temple warden being of the great Artemis and of the (image) fallen from the sky? 36 undeniable therefore being these things necessary it is you having been quietened to be and nothing rash to do. 37 For ye brought men these neither temple robbers nor blaspheming the goddess of you. 38 If indeed therefore Demetrius and the with him artisans have against anyone an account, assizes are being held and proconsuls there are, let them bring a charge against one another. 39 But if anything further ye seek, in the lawful assembly it will be settled. 40 For indeed we are in danger to be charged with insurrection concerning to-day, nothing cause being, concerning which we shall not be able to give account concerning crowding together this. 41 And these things saying he dismissed the assembly.

Note: separate event here but "word" not mentioned in the context of the "loud voice"

12. . The "word" continues the work of "I AM"

.. *I commend you to the Lord and to the word of the grace of him being able to build*

20:32 20:1-38

20:1 And after the to cease the uproar summoning Paul the disciples and exhorting, taking leave he went forth to go to Macedonia, 2 And having gone through those parts and having exhorted them with speech much he came into Greece, 3 and spending months three, there being a plot against him by the Jews being about to set sail to Syria, he was of a mind to return through Macedonia. 4 And there accompanied him Sopater son of Pyrrhus a Beroean and of Thessalonians Aristarchus and Secundus, and Gaius a Derbean and Timothy and Asians Tychicus and Trophimus. 5 And these men going forward awaited US Toras; 6 and we sailed away after the days of unleavened bread from Philippi, and came to them in Toas until days five, where we stayed days seven. 7 And on one of the first of the Sabbaths, having been assembled us to break bread Paul *lectured* to them, being about to depart on the morrow, and continued the speech until midnight. 8 Now there were lamps a considerable number of in the upper room where we were having been assembled. 9 And sitting a certain young man by name Eutychus on the window sill, being overcome sleep by a deep, lecturing Paul for a longer time, having been overcome from the sleep he fell from the third floor down and was taken up dead. 10 But going down Paul fell on him and closely embracing said: Be ye not terrified: for the life of him in him is. 11 And going up and breaking the bread and tasting, and over a considerable time conversing until light of day, thus he went forth. 12 And they brought the lad living, and were comforted not moderately. 13 and we going before onto the ship set sail to Assos, thence intending to take up Paul; for thus having been arranged it was, intending he to go afoot, 14 Now when he met with us in Assos, taking up him we came to Mitylene; 15 and thence sailing away on the next day we arrived off Chios, and on the other we crossed over to Samos, and on the next we came to Miletus. 16 For had decided Paul to sail past Ephesus, so as not be to him to spend time in Asia; for he hasted, if possible it might be to him, the day of Pentecost to be in Jerusalem. 17 And from Miletus sending to Ephesus he summoned the elders of the church. 18 and when they came to him, he said to them: Ye understand, for the first day from which I set foot on in Asia, how with you the whole time I was. 19 serving the Lord with all humility and tears

and trials happening to me by the plots of the Jews, 20 as nothing I kept back of the things beneficial not to declare to you and to teach you publicly and from house to house. 21 *solemnly witnessing* to Jews both and to Greeks toward God repentance and faith toward in the Lord of us Jesus. 22 And now behold having been bound I by the Spirit am going to Jerusalem, the things in it going to meet me not knowing. 23 except that the *Spirit Holy in every city solemnly witnesses to me saying* that bonds and afflictions me await. 24 But of nothing account I make the my life precious to myself so as I may finish the course of me and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to witness solemnly the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now behold I know that no more will see the face of me ye all among whom I went about proclaiming the kingdom. 26 Wherefore I witness to you on this day that clean I am from the blood of all men; 27 for I kept not back not to declare all the counsel of God to you, 28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which you the Spirit Holy placed overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he acquired through the blood of the his own. 29 I know that will come in after the departure of me wolves grievous into you not sparing the flock, 30 and of you yourselves will rise up men *speaking having been perverted* things to drag away the disciples after themselves. 31 Wherefore watch ye, remembering that for three years night and day I ceased not with tears *admonishing* one each. 32 And now *I commend you to the Lord and to the word of the grace of him being able to build* and to give the inheritance among the ones having been sanctified all. 33 Silver or gold or raiment of no one I coveted; 34 yourselves ye know that to the needs of me and to the ones being with me ministered these hands. 35 All things I showed you, that thus labouring it behovest to succour the ailing ones, to remember and the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said: Blessed it is rather to give than to receive. 36 And these things having said, kneeling down with all them he *prayed*. 37 And considerable weeping there was of all, and falling on the neck of Paul they kissed fervently him. 38 suffering most *over the word which he had said*, that no more they were the face of him to behold. And they escorted him to the ship. (Note there is a final reference to the word of Paul)

The Flock (20:28)

Beyond Religious Law System	Ref	Location	Disciple and 'outsider'
1. . Power is in the person not a system	6:8-8:3	Outside Jerusalem	Stephen & Saul

6:8-8:3 **Stephen** who was full of grace and power did great signs and wonders amongst the people. But there was a group in the synagogue who were called Freedmen. They were Cyrenians and Alexandrians and people from Cilicia and Asia. They were disputing with Stephen but were not able to withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke. Then they instigated men to say "We have heard him speaking blasphemy against Moses and God." They stirred up the people and the elders and scribes. Coming at him they seized him and led him to the council. False witnesses stood there saying "This man does not stop speaking against this holy place and the law. We have heard him saying that Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." Looking at him all those sitting in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7:1 The high priest said "Have you done these things?" He said. "Brethren and fathers listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham who was living in Mesopotamia before he lived in Charran. God said to him "Go out of your land and your kindred and go to the land that I show you." Then going out of the land of the Chaldaeans he lived in Charran. And after that his father died and God moved him on into this land where you now live. Yet he did not give him an inheritance in it - not a foot's space. (Rather) he promised to allow himself and his descendants to live in it, even though he had no child. God told him that his seed would live in a land (c/f Egypt) that belonged to others. These others would enslave (his descendants) and would ill-treat them for four hundred years. God said "in whichever nation they will serve I will judge it. (Then) after these things they will come forth and will worship

me in this place." He (God) gave (Abraham) a covenant of circumcision. And so he fathered Isaac and circumcised him when he was eight days old. Isaac fathered Jacob and Jacob fathered the twelve patriarchs. The patriarchs (when they were young men became jealous sold Joseph into Egypt. God was with him and rescued him from all his afflictions and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. The latter appointed (Joseph) governor over Egypt and all his household. But a famine came over all of Egypt and Canaan with great affliction. Our fathers had nothing to eat. But Jacob heard there was corn in Egypt. He sent our fathers first. The second time Joseph made himself known to his brothers and the race of Joseph became known to Pharaoh. Sending, Joseph called his father Jacob and all his family of seventy-five people. Jacob went down to Egypt and died there with our *Continued*



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1. . Followers	21:1-6	disciples,women, children, brothers	accompanied
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21:1 Now when it came to pass to set sail we having been withdrawn from them, taking a straight course we came to Cos, and on the next day to Rhodes and thence to Patara: 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenice, embarking we set sail. 3 And sighting Cyprus and leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria, and came down to tyre; for there the ship was unloading the cargo. 4 finding And **the disciples** we

remained there days seven: who Paul told through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. 5 But when it came to pass to accomplish us the days, going forth *we journeyed escorting us all* with **women and children** as far as outside the city, and kneeling down on the shore praying 6 we gave parting greetings to one another, and embarked in the ship, and those returned to the things own. (Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version)

2.. .Prophets	21:7-14	Philip's daughters & Agabus	warned
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7 But we the voyage finishing from Tyre arrived at Ptolemaias, and greeting the brothers we remained day one with them. 8 And on the morrow going forth we came to Caesarea, and entering into the house of **Philip** the evangelist being of the seven, we remained with him. 9 Now to this man were daughters **four virgins prophesying**. 10 remaining And days more many came down a certain from Judea **prophet by name Agabus**, 11 and coming to us and taking the girdle of Paul, having bound of himself the feet and the hands said: These things says

the Spirit Holy. The man of whom is this girdle thus will bind in Jerusalem the Jews and will deliver into the hands of the nations 12 when and we heard these things, *besought we both and the residents not to go up him to Jerusalem*. 13 Then answered Paul: What are ye doing weeping and weakening of me the heart? For I am only to be bound but also to die in Jerusalem readily have on behalf of the name of the Lord Jesus. 14 Not being persuaded and him we kept silence having said: Of the Lord the will let be done.

3.. Church leadership	21:15-26	ancient disciples and James and elders	required purification
<p>21:15 And after these days having made ready we went up to Jerusalem: 16 and went with also some of the disciples from Caesarea with us, bringing one with whom we might be lodged Mnason a certain Cypriote, an ancient disciple. 17 And being us in Jerusalem joyfully received us the brothers. 8 And on the next day went in Paul with us to James, all and came the elders. 19 And having greeted them he related according to one each of the things which did God among the nations through the ministry of him. 20 they and hearing glorified God and said to him: Thou beholdest, brother, how many ten thousands there are among the Jews having believed, and all zealots of the law are; 21 and they were informed about thee that apostasy thou teachest from Moses the throughout the nations all Jews, telling not to circumcise them</p>		<p>the children nor in the customs to walk. 22 What therefore is it? At all events they will hear that thou has come. 23 This therefore do thou which thee we tell: There are to us men four a vow having on themselves 24 <i>these taking be thou purified with them</i>, and spend on them that they will shave the head, and will know all men that of the things they have been informed about thee nothing there is, but thou walkest also thyself keeping the law. 25 And concerning the having believed nations we joined in writing judging to keep themselves the from the both idol sacrifice and blood and a thing strangled and fornication. 26 Then Paul taking the men on the next day with them having been purified went in to the temple, announcing the completion of the days of the purification, until should be offered on behalf of one each of them the offering.</p>	
4. Law-enforcers	21:27-39	Chillarch of the cohort	protected
<p>21:27 Now when were about the seven days to be fulfilled, the from Asia Jews seeing him in the temple stirred up all the crowd, and laid on him the hands. 28 crying out: Men Israelites help: this is the man the one against the people and the law and this place all men everywhere teaching, and even also Greeks brought in into the temple and has profaned holy place this. 29 For they were having previously seen Prothimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they supposed that into the temple brought in Paul 30 was moved and the city whole and there was running together of the people, and laying hold of Paul they dragged him outside the temple and immediately were shut the doors. 31 And while they were seeking him to kill came up information to the chillarch of the cohort that all is was in confusion Jerusalem; 32 who at once taking soldiers and centurions ran down on them; and <i>they seeing the chillarch and the soldiers ceased beating Paul.</i></p>		<p>33 Then drawing near the chillarch laid hold of him and commanded to be bound chains with two, and inquired who he and what he is having done. 34 And others different something called out among the crowd; and not being able him to know the certain thing because of the uproar, he commanded to be brought him into the fort. 35 when And he was on the steps, it happened to be carried him by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd; 36 followed for the multitude of the people crying out; Take away him. 37 and being about to be brought in into the fort Paul says to the chillarch; If it is lawful for me to say something to thee? And he said in Greek Knowest thou to speak. 38 Not then thou art the Egyptian the one before these days unsettling and leading out into the desert the four thousand men of the Sicarii? 39 said ane Paul: I am a man indeed am a Jew, a Tarsian, of Cilicia not of a mean city a citizen; and I beg of thee permit me to speak to the people.</p>	

5.. . the people	21:39-22:23	the crowd	challenged
<p>21:39 I beg of thee permit me to speak to the people. 40 And permitting him Paul standing on the steps beckoned with the hand to the people; and much silence becoming he addressed in the Hebrew language saying:</p> <p>22:1 Men brothers and fathers, hear ye of me the to you now defence. 2 And hearing that in the Hebrew language he addressed them more they showed quietness, And he says: 3 I am a man a Jew, having been born in Tarsus of Cilici, and having been brought up in city this, at the feet of Gamaliel having been trained according to the exactness of the ancestral law a zeal being of God even as all ye are today; 4 who this way persecuted as far as to death, binding and delivering to prisons both men and women. 5 As even the high priest witnessed to me and all the senate; from whom also letters having received to the brothers in Damascus I journeyed, leading also the ones there being having been bound to Jerusalem that they might be punished. 6 Now it happened to me journeying and drawing</p>	<p>near to Damascus about midday suddenly out of heaven to shine round a light considerable round me, 7 and I fell to the ground and heard voice saying to me Saul, Saul, why me persecutist thou? 8 And I answered: Who art thou Lord? And he said to me: I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom thou persecutest 9 Now the ones with me being the indeed light beheld, but the voice they heard not of the one speaking to me. 10 And I said: What may I do Lord? And the Lord said to me: Rising up go into Damascus, and there to thee it will be told concerning all things which have been arranged for thee to do. 11 and as I saw not from the glory of that light being led by the hand by the ones being with me I went into Damascus. 12 and <i>a certain Ananias</i>, a man devout according to the law, being witnessed to by all the dwelling there Jews, 13 coming to me and standing by said to me: Saul brother, look up. And I in that hour looked up at him. 14 and he said: The God of the fathers of us previously appointed thee to know the will of him and to see the Just One and to hear a voice 16 out of the</p>	<p>mouth of him, 15 because thou wilt be a witness to him to all men of things which thou has seen and didst hear. And now what intendest thou? Rising up be baptised and wash away the sins of thee, invoking the name of him. 17 and it happened to me having returned to Jerusalem and praying me in the temple to become me in an ecstasy, 18 and to see him saying to me: Haste and go forth quickly out of Jerusalem, because they will not receive of thee witness concerning me. 19 And I said: Lord, they understand that I was imprisoning and beating throughout the synagogues the ones believing on thee; 20 and when was being shed the blood of Stephen the witness of thee even myself I was standing by and consenting and keeping the garments of the ones killing him. 21 and he said to me: Go because I to nations afar will send forth thee. 22 And they heard him as far as to this word, and lifted up the voice of them saying: Take from the earth such a man for not it is fitting him to live. 23 And shouting them and tearing their garments and dust throwing in the air,</p>	

6. . . State Law	22:24-29	re rights of citizens	imposed respect
<p>22:24 commanded the chiliarch to be brought in him into the fort, bidding with scourges to be examined him, that he mightfully know for what crime thus they were calling against him. 25 But as they stretched him with the thongs, said to the standing by centurion Paul; If a man a Roman and uncondemned it is lawful for you to scourge? 26 And hearing the centurion approaching to the chillarch reported saying: What art thou about to do?</p>		<p>for man this a Roman is. 27 And approaching the chilaiarch said to him: Tell me, thou a Roman art? And he said: Yes 28 answered And the chiliarch: I of much great sum of money this citizenship acquired So Paul said: But I indeed have been born. 29 <i>Immediately therefore stood away from him the ones being about him to examine; also the chiliarch and feared</i> fully knowing that a Roman he is and that him he was having bound.</p>	
7.. . Religious leadership	22:30-23:10	the chief priests and all the council	provided forum
<p>30 And on the morrow being minded to know the certain thing why he was accursed by the Jews, he released him, and commanded to come together the chief priests and all the council and having brought down Paul set him among them .</p> <p>23:1 And gazing Paul at the council said: Men brothers, I in all conscience good have lived to God until this day. 2 And the high priest Ananias gave order to the ones standing by him to strike of him the mouth. 3 Then Paul to him said: To strike thee is about God, wall having been whitened; and thou sittest judging me according to the law, and contravening law commandest me to be struck? 4 And the ones standing by said: The high priest of God revilest thou? 5 And said Paul: I did not know, brothers that he is high priest; for it has been written, A ruler of the people of thee thou</p>		<p>shalt not speak evilly. 6 And knowing Paul that the one part is of Sadducees but the other of Pharisees cried out in the council: Men brothers I a Pharisee am, a son of Pharisees, <i>concerning hope and resurrection of dead ones I am being judged.</i> 7 and this him saying there was a discord of the Pharisees and Sadducees and was divided the multitude. 8 Sadducees For say not to be a resurrection nor angel nor spirit. but Pharisees confess both. 9 And there was cry a great, and rising up some of the scribes of the part of the Pharisees strove staying: Nothing evil we find in this man: and if a spirit spoke to him or an angel. 10 And much arising discord fearing the chilliarch lest should be torn asunder Paul by them. commanded the soldiery coming down to seize him out of the midst of them and to bring him into the fort.</p>	

8. . Kinship

23:11-24

son of Paul's sister

gave secret help

23:11 And in the following night coming on to him the Lord said: Be of good courage: for as thou didst solemnly witness things concerning me in Jerusalem, so thee it behoves also in Rome to witness. 12 And becoming day making a conspiracy the Jews cursed themselves, saying neither to eat nor to drink until they should kill Paul. 13 And there were more than forty the ones this plot making; 14 who approaching to the chief priests and to the elders said: With a curse we cursed ourselves of nothing to taste until we may kill Paul. 15 Now therefore ye inform the chillarch with the council so as he may bring down him to you as intending to ascertain exactly more accurately the things concerning him; and we before he draws near ready are to kill him. 16 And hearing **the son of the sister of Paul** the treachery, coming and entering into the fort reported to Paul 17 And calling to him Paul one of the centurions said: youth this Bring up to the chillarch for he has to report something to him. 18 He therefore taking him brought to the chillarch and say: The prisoner Paul calling to him me

asked this young man to bring to thee, having something to tell thee. 19 laying hold And of the hand of him the chillarch and retiring privately inquired: What is it which thou has to report to me? 20 he said And the Jews agreed to ask thee so as tomorrow Paul thou shouldst bring down to the council as intending something more accurately to inquire concerning him. 21 Thou therefore not be persuaded by them; for there lie in wait for him of them men more than forty, who cursed themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they kill him, and now they are ready awaiting the from thee promise. 22 the Therefore *chillarch dismissed the young man, charging him to no one to divulge* that these things thou reportedst to me. 23 And calling to him a certain two of the centurions he said: Prepare ye soldiers two hundred so as they may go as far as Caesarea, and horsemen seventy and spearmen two hundred, from third hour of the night, 24 and beasts to stand by, that putting on Paul they may bring him safely to Felix the governor,



9. . the Governor

23:25-24:27

Felix

gave on-going protection

23:25 writing a letter having this pattern. 26 Cladius Lysias to the most excellent **governor Felix** greeting. 27 Man this having been arrested by the Jews and being about to be killed by them coming on with the soldiery I rescued, having learned that a Roman he is: 28 and being minded to know fully the cause on account of which they were accusing him. I brought to the council of them; 29 whom I found being accursed about questions of the law of them, nothing but worthy of death or of bonds having charge. 30 And being revealed to me, a plot against the man to be, at once I sent to thee, commanding also the accusers to say to him before thee. 31 the Therefore soldiers according to the thing having been appointed them taking up Paul brought through the night of Antipatris; 33 and on the morrow allowing the horsemen to depart with him, they returned to the fort; 33 who entering into Caesarea and handing over the letter to the governor presented also Paul to him, 34 And having read and asking of what province he is and learning From Cilicia, 35 I will hear thee, he said, when also the accusers of thee arrive: commanding in the praetorium of Herod to be kept him. 24:1 And after five days came down the high priest Ananias with elders some and an orator Tertullus one, who informed the governor against Paul, 2 And being called him began to accuse Tertullus saying: Much peace obtaining through thee and reforms coming to this nation through thy forethought, 3 both in everything

and everywhere we welcome, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But that not more thee I hinder, I beseech to hear thee us briefly in thy forbearance. 5 For having found this man pestilent and moving seditions among all the Jews throughout the inhabited earth and a ringleader of the of the Nazarenes sect. 6 who also the temple attempted to profane, whom also we laid hold of: 8 from whom thou wilt be able thyself having examined concerning all these things to know fully of which we accuse him: 9 And joined in also the Jews alleging these things thus to have 10 And answered Paul, having beckoned to him the governor to speak: of many years being thee a judge to this nation understanding cheerfully as to the things concerning myself I defend myself. 11 being able thee to know fully that not more there to days twelve from which I went up worshipping in Jerusalem. 12 And neither in the temple they found me with anyone discoursing or collection making of a crowd, neither in the synagogues nor throughout the city, 13 nor to prove are they able to thee concerning the things of which now they accuse me. 14 But I confess this to thee, that according to the way which they say a sect thus I worship the ancestral God, believing all the things according to the law and the things in the prophets having been written. 15 hope having toward God, which also themselves these expect, a resurrection to be about to be both of just and of unjust. 16 By this also myself I exercise a blameless conscience to have toward God

and men always. 17 and after years many alms making bringing to the nation of me I arrived and offerings, 18 among which they found me having been purified in the temple, not with a crowd nor with uproar, 19 but some from Asia Jews, whom it behoved before thee to be present and to accuse if anything they have against me. 20 Or themselves these let say what they found misdeed standing me before the council, 21 unless concerning one this voice which I have cried out among them standing, Concerning a resurrection of dead persons I am being judged today before you. 22 postponed And them Felix, more exactly knowing the things concerning the way, saying: When Lysias the chillarch comes down, I will determine the things as to you: 23 *commanding the centurion to keep him and to have indulgence and no one to forbid of his own people to attend him.* 24 And after days some arriving Felix with Drusilla the his own wife being a Jewess he sent for Paul, and heard him about the in Christ Jesus faith. 25 And he discoursed And him concerning righteousness and self-control and the judgment coming afraid becoming Felix answered: For the present go thou, but time taking later I will send for thee; 26 at the same time also hoping that money will be given him by Paul: wherefore also more frequently him sending for he conversed with him. 27 And two years being completed received a successor Felix Porchus Festus; and wishing a favour to show to the Jews Felix left Paul having been bound.

10. . the Successor	25:1-12	Festus	weighed up case
<p>25:1 Festus therefore having entered the province after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea 2 and informed him the chief priests and the chiefs of the Jews against Paul, and they besought him 3 asking a favour against him, so as he might summon him to Jerusalem, a plot making to kill him by the way. 4 Therefore Festus answered to be kept Paul in Caesarea, and himself to intend shortly to go forth; 5 the</p>		<p>therefore among you, he says, able men going down with me if anything there is in the man amiss let them accuse him. 6 And having stayed among them days not more than eight or ten, going down to Caesarea, on the morrow sitting on the tribunal he commanded Paul to be brought. 7 And arriving him stood round him the from Jerusalem having come down <i>Jews, many and heavy charges bringing against him, which not they were able to prove,</i></p>	
11. . the Emperor	25:8-12	Caesar	provided base for world outreach
<p>8 Paul defending himself Neither against the law of the Jews nor against the temple nor against Caesar anything I sinned. 9 But Festus, wishing the Jews a favour to show, answering Paul said: Does thou wish to Jerusalem going up there, concerning these things to be judged before me? 10 And said Paul Standing before the tribunal of Caesar I am, where me it behoves to be judged.</p>		<p>Jews nothing I have wronged, as indeed thou very well knowest. 11 If therefore I do wrong and worthy of death I have done anything, I do not refuse the to die; but if not one there is of the things which these accuse me, no one me can to them to grant, Caesar I appeal to. 12 Then Festus having talked with the council answered <i>Caesar thou hast appealed to before Caesar thou shall go.</i></p>	
12. . Monarchy	25:13-26:32	Agrippa & Bernice	gave a hearing
<p>25:13 And days passing some Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea greeting Festus. 14 And as more days they stayed there, Festus to the king set forth the matters regarding Paul saying: A certain man there is having been left behind by Felix prisoner, 15 about whom being me in Jerusalem informed the chief priests and the elders of the Jews, asking against him sentence; 16 to whom I answered that it is not a custom with Romans to grant any man before the one being accused face to face should have the accusers place and of defence receive concerning the charge. 17 Coming together therefore thither delay no making on the next day sitting on the tribunal I commanded to be brought the man; 18 concerning whom standing the accusers no charge brought of things which I suspected evil, 19 but questions certain about their</p>		<p>own religion they had with him and about one Jesus having died, whom asserted Paul to live. 20 And being perplexed at I the about these things debate said if he wished to go to Jerusalem and there to be judged about these things, 21 But Paul having appealed to be kept him to the of Augustus decision, I commanded to be kept him until I may send up him to Caesar. 22 And Agrippa said to Festus; I was minded also myself the man to hear, Tomorrow, he says thou shalt hear him. 23 On the therefore morrow coming Agrippa and Bernice with much display and entering into the place of audience with both chillarchs and men the chief of the city, and having commanded Festus was brought Paul. 24 And says Festus: Agrippa king and all the present together with us men, ye behold this man about whom all the multitude of the Jew</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued Over Page</i></p>	

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petitioned me in both Jerusalem and here, crying not ought him to live no longer. 25 But I discovered nothing worthy him of death to have done, but himself this man appealing to Augustus I decided to send. 26 Concerning whom certain anything to write to the lord not I have wherefore I brought forth him before you and most of all before thee, king Agrippa, so as the examination being I may have what I may write. 27 for unreasonable to me it seems sending a prisoner not also the against him charges to signify.

26:1 And Agrippa to Paul said: It is permitted to thee on behalf of thyself to speak. Then Paul stretching out the hand defended himself: 2 Concerning all things of which I am being accused by Jews, king Agrippa, I consider myself happy before thee being about today to defend myself. 3 most of all an expert being thee of all the among Jews customs both and questions: wherefore I beg patiently to hear me. 4 the So then manner of life of me from youth from beginning having been in the nation of me in and Jerusalem know all Jews, 5 previously knowing me from the first, if the are willing to testify, that according to the most exact sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6 And now on hope of the to the fathers of us promise having been made by God I stand being judged, 7 to which the twelve tribes of us with earnestness night and day worshipping hopes to arrive; concerning which hope I am accused by Jews, king. 8 Why incredible is it judged by you if God dead persons raises? 9 I indeed then thought to myself to the name of Jesus the Nazarene ought many things contrary to do: 10 which indeed I did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I in prisons shut up the from the chief priests authority having received being killed and them I cast a vote. 11 and throughout all the synagogues often punishing them I compelled them to blaspheme, and excessively raging against them I persecuted as far as even to the outside cities. 12 In which journeying to Damascus with authority and power to decide of the chief priests 13 at day mid along the way I saw, King, from heaven above the brightness of the sun shining round me a light and the ones with me journeying; 14 and all having fallen down us to the earth I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language: Saul Saul, why me persecutest thou? hard for thee against goads to

kick. 15 And I said: Who art thou Lord? And the Lord said: I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise thou up and stand on the feet of thee; for this purpose for I appeared to thee, to appoint thee an attendant and a witness of the things both which thou sawest me of the things and I will appear to thee, 17 delivering thee from the people and from the nations, to whom I send thee, 18 to open eyes of them, to turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God to receive them forgiveness of sins and a lot among the ones having been sanctified by faith in me. 19 Whence, king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but to the ones in Damascus firstly and also in Jerusalem, and all the country of Judea and to the nations I announced to repent and to turn to God, worthy of the repentance works doing. 21 On account of these things me Jews having seized in the temple tried to kill me. 22 Succour therefore having obtained from God until this day I stand witnessing to small both and to great, nothing apart saying the things which both the prophets said being about to happen and Moses, 23 if subject to suffering the Christ, if first by a resurrection of dead persons a light he is about to announce to the both people and to the nations. 24 And these things him defending himself Festus great with the voice says: *Thou ravest Paul the many these letters to madness turns.* 25 But Paul: *I do not rave*, he says, most excellent Festus, but of truth, and of good sense words speak forth. 26 For understands about these things the king, to whom indeed being bold of speech I speak: for to be hidden from him of these things and I am persuaded nothing: for not is in a corner having been done this. 27 Believest thou king Agrippa, the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 And Agrippa said to Paul; *is a little me thou persuadest a Christian to make.* 29 and Paul said I would pray God both in a little and in great not only thee but also all the ones hearing me today become such of what kind indeed I am, except bonds these. 30 Rose up both the king and the governor and Bernice and the ones sitting with them, 31 and having left spoke to one another saying, *nothing of death or of bonds worthy does man This.* 32 And Agrippa to Festus said to have released was able This man if he had not **appealed to Caesar.**

Note: It is interesting that the monarchy not only got a mention but was put last. In other sections this appears to be a place of emphasis.

To Rome (26:32)

Section F


CHALLENGE THE POWER BASE OF THE WORLD

Acts 27:1 - 28:20

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`Authority Figure	"Hook"	Ref	Assistance given
1. Kingdom figure sets sail under secular law enforcer	27:1	27:1-5	"we" set sail for Italy
27:1 And when it was decided to sail to Italy, they delivered both Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion by name Julius of a cohort Augustan . 2 And embarking in a ship belonging to Adramyttium being about to sail for the along the cost of Asia places <i>we set sail</i> , being with us Aristarchus a Macedonian of Thessalonica; 3 and on the next day we were brought to		land at Sidon, and kindly Julius Paul treating him allowed to the friends going attention to obtain. 4 And thence putting to sea WE sailed close to Cyprus because of the winds to be contrary, 5 and the sea against Cilicia and Pamphylia sailing over we came down to Myra of Lycia (Note: Literal translation of Revised Standard Version)	
2. Kingdom figure offers advice	27:6-10	"now dangerous"	
27:6 6 And there having found the centurion ship an Alexandrian sailing to Italy he embarked us in it. 7 and in a number of days sailing slowly and hardly coming against Culdus, and allowing us the wind, we sailed close to Crete against Salmone. 8 and hardly sailing along it we came to place a certain being called Fair		Havens, to which near was a city Lesa. 9 And much when time having passed and being <i>now dangerous</i> the voyage on account also the fast now to have gone by, advised Paul 10 saying to them: Men I see that with injury and much loss and only of the cargo and of the ship but also of the lives of us to be about to be the voyage.	
			

3. Law enforcer refuses Kingdom
Figure's advice

27:11-29

he took wrong advice and
shipwreck looms

27:11-29 But **the centurion** *the steersman and the shipmaster rather was persuaded by than the by Paul things said.* 12 But unsuitable the port being for wintering the majority place counsel to set sail thence if somehow they might be able having arrived at Phoenis to pass the winter, a port of Crete looking toward southwest and towards north-west. 13 And blowing gently a south wind thinking the purpose to have obtained, raising close in shore they coasted by Crete. 14 And after not much there beat down it wind a tempestuous being called Euraquilo; 15 and being seized the ship and not being able to beat up against the wind giving way we were borne. 16 And islet a certain running under the tee of being called Clauda we were able hardly control to get of the boat. 17 which taking helps they used, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest into Syria they might fall off, lowering the tackle thus they were borne. 18 But exceedingly being in the grip us on the next a jettisoning they made, 19 and on the third day with their own hands the tackle of the ship they threw out. 20 And neither sun nor stars appearing over many days, and stormy weather no little pressing hard now was taken

away hope all to be saved us. 21 And much abstinence being then standing Paul in the midst of them said: it behoved o men, obeying me not to set sail from Crete and to come by injury this and loss. 23 And now I advise you to be of good cheer for throwing away of life no there will be of you but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me in the night of God of whom I am, whom also I serve, an angel 24 saying: Fear not, Paul, Caesar thee it behoves to stand before, and behold has given thee God all the ones sailing with thee. 25 Wherefore be ye of good cheer men; for I believe God that thus it will be in the way in which it has been spoken to me, 26 Onto island but a certain behoves us to fall off. 27 Now when the fourteenth night came being carried about us in the Adria, about the middle of the night supposed the sailors to approach some to them country. 28 And sounding they found fathoms twenty and a little having moved also again sounding they found fathoms fifteen; 29 and fearing lest somewhere against rough places we might fall off, out of the stern throwing anchors four they prayed day to become.



4. Law enforcer heeds Kingdom figure's warning	27:30-41	Paul warns sailors are about to desert
28:30 And <i>the sailors</i> seeking to the out of the sip and <i>lowering the boat into the sea under pretence</i> as out or the prow anchors intending to cast out 31 said Paul to the centurion and to the soldiers ; Unless these remain in the ship ye to be saved cannot. 32 Then cut away the soldiers the ropes of the boat and let it to fall off. 33 And until day was about to come, besought Paul all to partake of food saying: the fourteenth Today is day waiting without food ye continued, nothing taking. 34 Wherefore I beseech you to partake of food; for this to your salvation is: of no one for of you from the head shall perish 35 And saying these things and taking bread he gave thanks to God before all and breaking began to eat. 36 And in good spirits becoming all also they took food.		37 Now we were the all souls in the ship two hundreds and seventy six. 38 And having been satisfied of with food they lightened the ship throwing the wheat into the sea. 39 And when day came the land they did not recognise but bay a certain they noticed having a shore, into which they were minded if they were able to drive the ship. 40 And the anchors having cast off they left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the fastenings of the rudders and raising the foresail to the breeze they held the ship to the shore. 41 And coming upon to a place between two seas they drove the vessel and the while prow having run aground remained immovable,the yet stern was broken by the force.
5. Law enforcer saves Kingdom figure	27:42-28:10	Paul's 'internalised law' accepted
27:42 Now of the soldiers the mind was that the prisoners they should kill, lest anyone swimming out should escape; 43 but the centurion being minded to save Paul forbade them the intention, and commanded the ones being able to swim casting overboard first onto the land to go out. 44 and the rest some on planks, others on some of the things from the ship. And thus it came to pass all to be saved on the land.		is this man, whom having been saved out of the sea justice to live did not allow. 5 He then shaking off the beast into the fire suffered no harm; 6 but they expected him to be about to swell or to fall down suddenly dead. but over much time they expecting and beholding nothing amiss to him happening, changing their minds they said him to be a god. 7 Now in the parts about place that were lands to the chief man of the island by name Fublius, who welcoming us days three friendly lodged on. 8 Now it happened the father of Publius is feverish attacks and dysentery suffering from to be lying down, to whom Paul entering and praying putting on the hands him cured him. 9 And this happening also the rest in the island having ailments came up and were healed, 10 who also <i>with many honours honoured us</i> and on our putting to sea placed on the things for the our needs.
28:1 After being saved then we found out that Melita the island is called 2 And the foreigners showed not the ordinary kindness us; for having lit a fire they welcomed all us because of the rain coming on and because of the cold 3 collecting and Paul of sticks a quantity and putting them on the fire, a snake from the heat coming out fastened on the hand of him. 4 And when saw the foreigners hanging the beast from the hand of him, to one another they said: to be sure a murder		

6. Law enforcer accepts
internalised law

28:11-31

Paul's 'internalised law'
accepted

28: 11 And after three months we embarked in a ship having passed the winter in the island an Alexandrian, with a sign Dioscuri 12 And being brought to land to Syracus we remained days three. 13 whence lacking we arrived at Rhegium. And after one day coming on a suth wind on the second day we came to Puteoli, 14 where having found brothers we were besought with them to remain days seven, and thus to Rome we went. 15 And thence the brothers having heard the things concerning us came to a meeting with us as far as April Forum and Three Taverns whom seeing Paul thanking God he took courage.:16 And when we entered into Rome **he (the centurion)** *permitted Paul to remain by himself with the guarding him soldier.* 17 And it came to pass after days three to call together him the ones being of the Jews first and coming together them he said to them: I men brothers, nothing contrary having done to the people or to the customs ancestral, a prisoner from Jerusalem I was delivered into the hands of the Romans 18 who having examined me were minded to release on account no cause of death to us in me; 19 but speaking against the Jews I was compelled to appeal to Caesar; not as the nation of me having anything to accuse. 20 On account of this therefore came I called you to see and to speak to: for the sake of this hope of Israel this chain I have found me. 21 And they to him said: We neither letters about thee received from

Judas, nor arriving anyone of the brothers told or spoke anything about the evil. 22 But we think fit from thee to hear what things thou thinkest concerning indeed for sect this know to us it is that everywhere it is spoken against. 23 And arranging with him a day came to him in that lodging more, to whom he set forth solemnly witnessing the kingdom of God, persuading and them concerning Jesus from both the law of Moses and the prophets, from morning until evening. 24 And some were persuaded by the things being said 25 others disbelieved; and disagreed being with one another they were dismissed having said Paul word one, well the Spirit Holy spoke through Esaias the prophet to the fathers of you 26 saying: On thou to this people and say: In hearing ye will hear and by no means understand, and looking ye will look and by no means see; 27 was thickened for the heart of this people and with their ears heavily they heard, and the eyes of them they closed; lest at any time they see with the eyes and with the ears hear and with the heart understand and turn, and I shall cure them. 28 Known therefore let it be to you that to the nations was sent this salvation of God; and they will hear. 30 And he remained a whole two years in his own hired apartment (**in Rome**), and welcomed all the ones coming in to him. 31 **proclaiming the kingdom of God** and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness unhinderedly



Paul proclaiming the Kingdom of God in Rome (28:31)