

/We will now begin the sixteenth lecture on Acts./We will cover chapter 20./The title of chapter 20 is “Miletus.”

/First, evangelism in many regions./Verses 1-6./Second, Paul’s speech and Eutychus’ fall./ Verses 7-12./ Third, journey from Troas to Miletus./ Verses 13-16./

/Fourth, Paul’s encouragement./ Verses 17-31./ Fifth, Paul’s request./ Verses 32-35./ Sixth, farewell./ Verses 36-38./

/In Acts chapter 20 there is a story of an event that happened in Troas./There is also Paul’s encouragement to the elders at Ephesus.

/Read 20:1-2./When the uproar had ended, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said good-bye and set out for Macedonia. He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece,

/Paul said farewell to the disciples in Ephesus and left for Macedonia./“Macedonia” is a city in northern Greece./The churches of Thessalonica and Philippi were located in Macedonia.

/Greece is located south from there./“Greece” was part of the Achaia region./Achaia is the southern part of Greece./The churches of Corinth and Athens were located there.

/Verse 3. /where he stayed three months. Because the Jews made a plot against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.

/Paul spent three months in Achaia./Then he was about to set sail for Syria./However, he discovered that the Jews made a plot against him./Hence, Paul ended up going north through Macedonia.

/Verse 4. /He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia.

/There were many who accompanied Paul in his missionary journeys./Sopater was one of them./Romans 16:21./There was also Aristarchus./Acts 19:29/27:2./Colossians 4:10/Philemon 1:24/Then there was Gaius.

/Then Secundus./Also, Timothy./Timothy is referred to in Acts 16:1./Next, Tychicus./Tychicus appears in Ephesians 6:21./Colossians 4:7./2 Timothy 4:12./Titus 3:12

/Verse 5. /These men went on ahead and waited for us at Troas.

/They finally arrived at Troas./Here “we” refers to Paul and Luke.

/Verse 6. /But we sailed from Philippi after the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and five days later joined the others at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

/They sailed from Philippi to Troas by boat./They stayed in Troas for seven days.

/Verse 7. /On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

/On the first day after the Sabbath, Paul spoke to the believers./The first day of the week is Sunday./In the Old Testament period the Sabbath was observed on the seventh day./In the New Testament times, we must keep Sundays as the first day of the week.

/The apostles in the times of the early church observed the Sabbath on Sunday./Here “to break bread” refers to communion./Paul planned to depart the next day.

/He spoke to the people throughout the night./The believers listened intently./They did not know when they would see Paul again.

/Therefore, Paul taught with all his strength, and the believers made every effort to learn./We too must hold intently onto the word of God as the bread of life./We must strive to learn the Bible.

/Verse 8. /There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.

/The “upstairs room” was the room on the third floor./Many people gathered at that time./There were many believers.

/Verse 9. /Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

/Eutychus was sitting by the window./He fell asleep./Then he fell three stories to the ground./Then he died./Yet, Paul raised him from the dead.

/What did Eutychus do wrong?/Why did Eutychus fall and die?/First, he was sitting by the window./He did not focus on the word of God./He did not have the right attitude of worship.

/His heart did not lean towards God./That is why he arrived late to worship./He sat by the window and listened to Paul, looked outside, and looked around him as well.

/He sat at the window and listened to Paul’s sermon but also listened to what was going on outside./He did not wholeheartedly turn his heart to God./We must not hesitate in our faith.

/The second reason why Eutychus died was that his spirit was asleep./Because his spirit was asleep, he fell asleep physically as well./He had little faith./Even Peter slept on the mountain at the transfiguration.

/We must stay awake./1 Thessalonians 5:6/Luke 12:35/Proverbs 6:10-11/Therefore, our spirits must always remain awake./This is very important./What is the third thing Eutychus did wrong?

/Third, he wasn’t careful./He dozed off and was not careful./If we are not careful in our walk of faith, we

too will fall.

/Therefore, we must always grow in our faith,/stay awake,/and be careful in all that we do./We must not be careless.

/Verses 10-11. /Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left.

/When Paul went down he found Eutychus dead./Then Paul began to pray for Eutychus./The church may have gotten a bad reputation if Eutychus had remained dead.

/Paul also had pity on Eutychus./He prayed for Eutychus./Then through the power of God, Eutychus came back to life.

/Verse 12. /The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

/Eutychus repented and stood upright. /He came back to life. /Therefore, the church was comforted because Eutychus died and came back to life. /Their woe became their blessing. /The believers were greatly comforted.

/Verse 13. /We went on ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we were going to take Paul aboard. He had made this arrangement because he was going there on foot.

/Paul preached all through the night in Troas./Then he left Troas for Assos./Assos was 32 kilometers away.

/Verse 14. /When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene.

/Then from Assos Paul went to Mitylene.

/Verse 15. /The next day we set sail from there and arrived off Kios. The day after that we crossed over to Samos, and on the following day arrived at Miletus.

/Kios was 80 kilometers south of Mitylene./Samos was 80 kilometers from Kios./Miletus was 45 kilometers south of Ephesus./Paul traveled from Troas, /to Assos, /then to Mitylene.

/Next, he went to Miletus./Paul finally arrived at Miletus after leaving Troas./Then in Miletus, he called the elders of Ephesus.

/It was 45 kilometers from Ephesus to Miletus./Miletus was a harbor town./Paul encouraged the elders of Ephesus.

/Verse 16. /Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

/Paul wanted to reach Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost if possible./This was because many people gathered at Jerusalem at the Pentecost./He wanted to arrive in Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost so that he would evangelize.

/We will continue the lecture with verse 17.

/Read verse 17./From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

/Paul was at Miletus./He did not have time to go to Ephesus from there./Thus, he sent for the elders of Ephesus to come to him./It was 45 kilometers from Miletus to Ephesus

/Verses 18-19. /When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.

/Paul reminded the elders how he had taught and served them in the past./Paul taught with humility and with tears./Humility is important./1 Timothy 1:15

/Paul said that he was the worst of sinners./God gives grace to the humble./Also, Paul taught the people with tears./These tears were shed for the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

/Jesus wept for Jerusalem./Luke 19:41/We should all have hearts that sincerely love the souls of others./ Then we will weep for their souls with love for them.

/Also, Paul encountered hardships because of the persecution from the Jews./Paul persevered through it./ At times, Paul was almost stoned to death.

/He patiently endured the persecution and proclaimed the gospel of God./His eyes were fixed on God./He served with trust in God.

/Leaders of the church must take part in ministry with this kind of heart./We need humility, tears, and patience./We must serve the Lord with all our hearts.

/Verse 20. /You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.

/Paul taught the gospel publicly as well as in homes./He taught all that he knew./He did not fear persecution./For example, he taught publicly in the synagogue./18:19/19:8/18:28

/He also taught in individual homes./18:26/Therefore, we too should teach in homes, schools, and in the work place./We must also evangelize on the streets.

/We must also go from house to house to evangelize./Paul did not hold back but taught everything./He taught diligently./He was confident before God and before people.

/We must preach the gospel in season and out of season./2 Timothy 4:2./Ezekiel 2:7/We must evangelize

at every opportunity.

/Verse 21. /I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

/Paul also preached to both Jews and Greeks./He evangelized to the Gentiles./Paul evangelized to everyone he met./We must preach the gospel to all peoples.

/We must preach to our people/and to other people as well./We must testify to repentance and faith in Jesus./We do not evangelize using politics or philosophy./We evangelize about Jesus Christ alone.

/Verses 22-23. /"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

/Paul said that he was compelled by the Spirit to go up to Jerusalem./However, he knew that prison and hardships were awaiting him there./When we do God's work we must be moved by the Spirit.

/We must not say we're doing God's work and go wherever we want to./We go when God tells us to go./ Even when there is prison and hardships, we must go if the Lord tells us to go./16:7-9

/Paul went to Macedonia as the Spirit led him./Even if Paul did not want to go to Jerusalem he would've gone there./He went up with his love for God.

/He went up to Jerusalem to share the gospel to the souls he loved./We too must follow the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 24. /However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

/The "race" that Paul needed to run was his calling./It was to proclaim the gospel./Each of us have a calling./We must know our calling./We must lay down our lives to be witnesses./Philippians 3:12

/We must follow the Lord wherever he leads us./God told Moses to go to Egypt./God told Elijah to go to the widow of Zarephath.

/God called Esther to go to the king./We must fulfill the calling of the gospel that has been given to us./ Revelation 14:4

/This is faith that follows the Lamb wherever He goes./This faith does not consider its own life valuable./It is to lay down one's life and be faithful even to the point of death.

/Verse 25. /"Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.

/When Paul left the believers, they did not know when they would see him again./Paul was going up to

Jerusalem prepared to die.

/Verses 26-27. /Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

/Paul said that he was innocent of any blood among the people./This meant that he was faithful to the gospel./If we do not evangelize, God will hold us accountable for the price of the blood./Ezekiel 3:18/Ezekiel 33:8

/We are indebted to the gospel./Romans 1:14/Therefore, we must evangelize to people with all our strength.

/Verse 28. /Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

/Paul encouraged them about the future of the church./First, he told them to watch over themselves./We must keep heresies from entering the church./Second, the church must know its duties.

/God entrusted his flock to the church./The church was bought by the blood of Jesus Christ./The Lord of the Church is God./The Head of the church is Jesus Christ./Therefore, the church must be led by Christ./

/The flock must be well taken care of./The flock also belongs to God./Therefore, pastors must devote their strength and blood for the flock.

/Verse 29. /I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

/Third, Paul said that wolves would come to hurt the flock./The “wolves” are heretical cults and false prophets./We must cut off the work of cults./We are living in the end of times and therefore, there are many cults.

/Verse 30. /Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

/Paul said that the false prophets will try to make others follow them./They will “distort the truth” to do so./All these are lies.

/Verse 31. /So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

/Paul taught the word of God for three years with tears at the church at Ephesus./He was faithful./1 Corinthians 4:2/2 Timothy 3:14

/Verse 32. /"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

/Paul committed the church to the Lord and to God’s word./He believed that the Lord is alive and that

the Lord would help the church stand./He believed that the Lord would protect the church. /The church must stand firm on God's word.

/The church must submit to God's word./The believers must be led by God's word./That is how the church can stand on the solid foundation of God's word.

/Verses 33-34. /I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions.

/Paul did not seek silver, gold, or clothing./He did not depend on materials./He trusted that God would provide him with what he would eat and what he would wear./Philippians 4:14-18

/Verse 35. /In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

/Jesus said that it was more blessed to give./The righteous will endure forever in heaven./2 Corinthians 9:9-10/We must not seek help from others, but we must help others./Our faith grows when we help others.

/Verses 36-38. /When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

/Here, Paul said farewell to the believers./They did not know if they would see Paul's face again./They prayed for one another./They both wept as they said good-bye.

/We will continue the lecture with chapter 21./The title is "Jerusalem."

/First, people try to detain Paul./Verses 1-12./Second, Paul is prepared to die./Verses 13-16./Third, Paul purifies himself and others./Verses 17-26.

/Fourth, a riot takes place from misunderstanding from the Jews./Verses 27-30./Fifth, the commander arrests Paul./Verses 31-40.

/Read verses 1-4. /After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Cos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara. We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

/Paul left Miletus and arrived at Tyre./He stayed there for seven days./Then the disciples urged Paul not to go up to Jerusalem though the Spirit.

/The disciples knew that Paul would encounter sufferings if he went up to Jerusalem./They knew through the Holy Spirit that there would be much suffering for Paul in Jerusalem.

/However, the Holy Spirit told Paul to go to Jerusalem even if he would receive sufferings./20:22

/Verses 5-6. /But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. After saying good-bye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home.

/Paul taught the believers while he stayed in Tyre./He also had fellowship with them./Then he said good-bye at the beach.

/Verse 7. /We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for a day.

/Paul went from Tyre to Ptolemais./From Tyre, Ptolemais was 35 kilometers away.

/Verses 8-9. /Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

/Next, Paul went to Caesarea./Philip the evangelist lived there./Philip had four daughters.

/They prophesied and were people of faith./Prophecies are God's words./Revelation 1:3/1 Timothy 1:18

/Verses 10-11. /After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"

/Then a prophet named Agabus prophesied./"Agabus" also appears in 11:28./In the early church there were people who prophesied./However, now the revelations of signs have come to an end./Revelation 22:18-19/Now the Bible is the word of prophecy.

/Agabus prophesied that Paul would be arrested if he went to Jerusalem.

/Verse 12. /When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

/These people did not think about God's will./They told Paul not to go Jerusalem./Still, Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem.

/Verse 13. /Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

/The disciples urged Paul in tears./Paul knew that the disciples loved him./However, Paul put God's will first./He said that he was ready to go to Jerusalem even if he was to die for Jesus' name.

/We must follow after God's will./We must follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit./We must not flee or avoid difficulties.



/Verse 14. /When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

/The disciples finally said, "The Lord's will be done." /When Paul went to Jerusalem he took a man named Mnason from Cyprus with him.

/This was because Mnason owned a house in Jerusalem. /Therefore, Paul planned to stay with Mnason in Jerusalem.

/Verses 17-19. /When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers received us warmly. The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

/Paul arrived in Jerusalem. /Then he met with James and the rest of the elders. /Then he told them about how God had worked in his ministry to the Gentiles.

/Then the believers there gave glory to God. /They told Paul that there were thousands of Jews who believed.

/Verse 21. /They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs.

/Paul preached the gospel to the Gentiles. /However, the Jewish believers did not understand the message Paul preached. /They thought that Paul taught against Moses. /However, Paul was not rejecting Moses.

/Paul simply taught the Gentiles that they are saved by faith. /He testified to salvation by faith alone. /Then he gave them freedom regarding circumcision. /1 Corinthians 7:6,19 /Galatians 5:6. /1 Corinthians 10:25. /Colossians 2:11 /Romans 14:3

/Still, many Jews still did not understand what it meant to be saved by faith. /Hence, the Jewish believers misunderstood Paul and judged him. /Then Paul had to help them understand.

/Verses 22-25. /What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality."

/James spoke of four people who had taken a vow. /He told Paul to go through purification rites with these men. /Then he told Paul to pay for their expenses so that they could cut their hair.

/That was how Paul was able to participate in the purification rites. /This was not a problem of doctrine. /The purpose of the purification rites was to dedicate oneself to God. /At that time the purification rites lasted 7 to 31 days.

/When the time of purification was over, one went to the high priest and cut his hair. /Therefore, this rite

was not a problem of doctrine.

/Verse 26. /The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

/Paul took these men and went through the purification rites and went into the temple./In one week, the purification time came to an end./Afterwards, some Jews stirred up the crowd.

/Verses 27-30. /When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole crowd and seized him, shouting, "Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple area and defiled this holy place." (They had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple area.) The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut.

/It was time for Paul to finish his purification rites./At that time, some Jews from Asia saw Paul and stirred up the crowd./They said that Paul brought Greeks into the temple.

/Paul had never taken any Greeks into the temple./These people were mistaken./They had seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul.

/They were mistaken./Also, the people began to wrongly think that Paul was corrupting the Law and the temple./Then a riot started./The commander of the Roman troops came and took Paul.

/The commander arrested Paul,/and had him taken into the barracks./Then they interrogated Paul.

/Verse 37. /As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, "May I say something to you?" "Do you speak Greek?" he replied.

/Paul asked for permission to speak.

/Verse 38. /"Aren't you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the desert some time ago?"

/The commander asked Paul if he was an Egyptian./Paul said that he was not.

/Verses 39-40. /Paul answered, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people." Having received the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he said to them in Aramaic:

/Paul said that he was a Jew, a citizen of Tarsus./Then Paul was given an opportunity to speak to the crowd./He began to speak in Aramaic.

/When the crowd heard him speaking in their native tongue, they became quiet./God gave Paul the

chance to testify about the gospel./Philippians 1:12

/Paul looked only upon God even in this unfavorable circumstance./He trusted in God and lived by faith./Therefore, God's might opened the way for Paul

/Paul was given a chance to speak in front of all the people./This was the providence and work of God.

/We will conclude the sixteenth lecture on Acts./Thank you.