

## Acts 18:1-17

<sup>1</sup>And after these things, having departed from Athens, he came to Corinth.<sup>2</sup>And having found a certain Jew, named Aquila of Pontus, a native recently having come from Italy, and his wife Priscilla, because of Claudius having commanded all the Jews to depart out of Rome. He came to them<sup>3</sup> and due to being of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked (for they were tent makers by trade).<sup>4</sup> Now he was reasoning in the synagogue on every sabbath, *both and* persuading Jews and Greeks.<sup>5</sup> Now when *both and* Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word earnestly testifying Jesus to be the Christ to the Jews.<sup>6</sup> However, [as they were] opposing and reviling him, having shaken out [his] garments, he said to them, “Your blood be upon your head. I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”<sup>7</sup> And having departed from there, he came to the house of a certain one named Titus Justus, worshiping God, of whom [his] house was adjoining the synagogue.<sup>8</sup> Now Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, with all of his household. And many of the Corinthians hearing [the gospel], believed and were baptized.<sup>9</sup> Now in [the] night through a vision the Lord said to Paul, “Fear not, but continue speaking and be not silent,<sup>10</sup>because I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because there are many people in this city [belonging] to me.”<sup>11</sup> Now he remained a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.<sup>12</sup> However, when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rose up against Paul with one accord, and led him to the judgement seat<sup>13</sup> saying, “This [one] persuades to worship God contrary to the law.”<sup>14</sup> But [when] Paul [was] about to open [his] mouth Gallio said, “If it was indeed some unrighteousness or wicked crime, O Jews, according to reason I would have endured with you.<sup>15</sup> However, it is a question about a word, and names, and in reference to your law, you will see [to it] yourselves. I resolve not to be a judge of these things.”<sup>16</sup> And he drove them [away] from the judgement seat.<sup>17</sup> Then all [of them] having seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, they began to [beat] him before the judgment seat. And nothing about these things mattered to Gallio.

## Acts 15:18-28

<sup>18</sup>Now Paul having remained many more days, having taken leave of the brothers, sailed away to Syria and Priscilla and Aquila [were] with him. He shaved his head in Cenchrea, for he had a vow.<sup>19</sup> Now they came to Ephesus, and [Paul] left them there. Then having entered into the synagogue, he reasoned with the Jews himself.<sup>20</sup> They asked [him] to remain for a longer time [with] them, but he did not consent,<sup>21</sup>and having taken leave and having said, “God willing I will return to you again.” He sailed from Ephesus.<sup>a</sup><sup>22</sup> And having landed at Caesarea and having greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.<sup>23</sup> And having stayed some time, successively passing through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.<sup>24</sup> Now a certain Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, being mighty in the scriptures.<sup>25</sup> He was instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in Spirit, he was earnestly speaking and teaching the things concerning Jesus, only knowing the baptism of John.<sup>26</sup>*both and* he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. However, Priscilla and Aquila having hear him, they too him to [themselves] and expounded the way of God more accurately to him.<sup>27</sup> Then he [was] resolving to pass through to Achaia, the brothers having encouraged [him] wrote to the disciples to welcome him, who having arrived greatly helped those having believed

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<sup>a</sup>Some ancient texts read, “It behooves me to keep the feast coming at Jerusalem by all means. God willing, I will return to you again.”

through grace.<sup>28</sup>For he was powerfully refuting the Jews publicly, showing by the scriptures Jesus to be the Christ.

Acts 19:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper parts to come to Ephesus, and having found certain disciples.<sup>2</sup>*both and* he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit, having believed?” And [they said] to him, “We did not even hear that there is a Holy Spirit.”<sup>3</sup>*both and* he said to them, “Then what were you baptized into?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”<sup>4</sup>Then Paul said, “John baptized [with] a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the [one] coming after him, that is in Jesus.”<sup>5</sup>Then having heard they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup>And Paul having laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, *both and* they were speaking in tongues and prophesying.<sup>7</sup>Then there were about twelve men in all.<sup>8</sup>Then having entered into the synagogue, he was speaking boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading [them] concerning the Kingdom of God.<sup>9</sup>But when some were hardened and were disbelieving, speaking evil of the way before the multitude, having departed from them, he took the disciples separately, [and] every day [he] was reasoning in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.<sup>10</sup>Then this continued for two years, so that all those inhabiting Asia heard the word of the Lord, *both and* Jews and Greeks.<sup>11</sup>*both and* God was not performing ordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,<sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin were brought to the ailing, *both and* diseases departed from them and evil spirits left.<sup>13</sup>And now some of the itinerant Jews, exorcists, attempted to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those having evil spirits saying, “I adjure you [by] Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”<sup>14</sup>Now the seven sons of a certain [one] of Sceva, a Jew, a high priest were doing this.<sup>15</sup>However, the evil spirit answering said to them, “I know Jesus and I am acquainted with Paul. But who are you.”<sup>16</sup>And the man in whom there was an evil spirit, having leapt on them, having over powered them all, so that the fled naked and wounded out of that house.<sup>17</sup>Now this became known to *both and* all Jews and Greeks, those inhabiting Ephesus. And dear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.<sup>18</sup>Many of those having believed were coming, *both and* confessing and declaring their deeds.<sup>19</sup>Now many of those having practiced the magic arts, having brought the books and burned [them] before all. And they counted up their prices and found [it to be] fifty thousand of silverings.<sup>20</sup>Thus with the might of the Lord the word continued to increase and prevail.

Acts 19:21-41

<sup>21</sup>Now after these things were fulfilled, Paul purposed in the Spirit, having passed through Macedonia and Achia to go to Jerusalem, having said, “After my having been there, it behooves me to see Rome.”<sup>22</sup>Then having sent two of those ministering to him into Macedonia, Timothy and Erastus, he remained in Asia for a time.<sup>23</sup>Now at the same time a not small disturbance arose concerning the way.<sup>24</sup> For a certain [one] named Demetrius, a silversmith making shrines of Artemis<sup>b</sup>, was bringing to the craftsman no little business.<sup>25</sup>Whom having brought together also the workmen in such things, he said, “Men, you know that our wealth is from this business.<sup>26</sup> And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but almost all of Asia this Paul having persuaded [them] has turned a great many people away saying that gods made my human hands are not [gods].<sup>27</sup>And not only this is endangered to us, the business to come into the disrepute but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis to be reconciled for nothing, and should be deposed of her majesty, whom *both and* all Asia and the world worship.”<sup>28</sup>Then having heard and

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<sup>b</sup> Goddess of hunting

having become full of rage they were crying out saying, “Great [is] Artemis of [the] Ephesians!”<sup>29</sup> And the whole city was filled with confusion. *Both and* they rushed with one accord to the theater, having dragged off [the] Macedonians, Gaius and Aristarchus, fellow travelers of Paul.<sup>30</sup> However, Paul [was] intending to go in to the people, but his disciples would not allow him.<sup>31</sup> And then some of the Asiarchs, being friends to him, having sent to him, were urging [him] not to venture into the theater himself.<sup>32</sup> Therefore, indeed some were crying out [one] thing [some] others. For the assembly was confused and most did not know for what cause they were assembled.<sup>33</sup> Now the Jews having thrust Alexander forward out of the crowd to explain.<sup>34</sup> However, having recognized that he is a Jew, there was one cry from all, crying out ongoing about two hours, “Great is Artemis of [the] Ephesians!”<sup>35</sup> Then the town clerk having calmed the crowd, he says, “Men, Ephesians, for what man is there who knows not they city of [the] Ephesians as being temple keeper, and of that fallen from the sky?<sup>36</sup> Therefore, these things being undeniable, it is necessary for you to be calm and to do nothing rash.<sup>37</sup> For you brought these men, neither temple plunders nor blaspheming our goddess.<sup>38</sup> Therefore, indeed of Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a matter against anyone, courts are conducted and there are proconsuls. Let them accuse one another.<sup>39</sup> However, if you inquire anything beyond this, it will be solved in the lawful assembly.<sup>40</sup> And for we are in danger of being accused of insurrection in regard to this day, there is not one cause concerning [this], we will not be able to give a reason for this commotion.”<sup>41</sup> And having said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

Acts 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Now after the uproar had ceased, Paul having called the disciples to him, having said farewell, he departed going to Macedonia.<sup>2</sup> Then having passed through these districts and having exhorted them with much talk, he came to Greece.<sup>3</sup> *both and* continuing three months, the Jews made a plot against him [when] he was about to sail into Syria, a purpose arouse to return to Macedonia.<sup>4</sup> Then he was accompanied by Sopater Pyrrhus, a Berean, and Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe and Timothy, and Tuchius and Trophimus [the] Asians.<sup>5</sup> And these having gone ahead, waited for us in Troas.<sup>6</sup> Then we sailed away from Philippi after the days of the Unleavened Bread,<sup>c</sup> and we came to them at Troas within five days, where [we] stayed seven days.<sup>7</sup> Then in the first [day] of the week, we came together to break bread [and] Paul, about to depart on the next day, *both and* talked to them (he continued to talk until midnight).<sup>8</sup> Now there were many lamps in the upper room where we were assembled.<sup>9</sup> Then a certain young man named Eutychus was sitting by the window, [he was] overpowered by a deep sleep as Paul talked on longer. Having been overpowered by the sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.<sup>10</sup> However, Paul having descended fell upon him and having embrace [him] said, “Be not alarmed, for his soul is in him.”<sup>11</sup> Then having gone up and having broken bread and having eaten, *both and* having talked a long time, until daybreak, thus he departed.<sup>12</sup> Then they brought the boy alive and were not comforted a little.<sup>13</sup> However, having gone ahead to the ship we sailed to Asos, there intending to take in Paul. Thus [Paul] having arranged for [this], he was readying himself to go on foot.<sup>14</sup> Now when he met with us at Asos, [and] having taken him in, we came to Mitylene.<sup>15</sup> And having sailed away from there, we arried opposite Chios on the following [day], the next [day] we arrived at Samos. Now the following [day] we came to Miletus.<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail by Ephesus, so that it might not come upon him to spend time in Asia. For he was hastened if it was possible for him to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

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<sup>c</sup> Passover

Acts 20:17-38

<sup>17</sup>Then from Miletus, having sent to Ephesus, he called for the elders of the church.<sup>18</sup>Then when they had come to him, he said to them, "You know from the first day on which I arrived with you in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,<sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility, and tears and trials having befallen me in the plots of the Jews,<sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you of that being profitable, and to teach you publicly and from house to house,<sup>21</sup>*both and* earnestly testifying to the Jews and Greeks repentance in God and faith in our Lord, Jesus<sup>d</sup>.<sup>22</sup>And now behold, I am bound in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me,<sup>23</sup>expect that the Holy Spirit fully testifies to me in every city saying that chains and tribulations await me.<sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life dear to myself, so as to finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to fully testify the gospel of the grace of God.<sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that you will see my face no more, you all among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom.<sup>26</sup>Therefore, I testify to you in this day that I [am] innocent of the blood of all,<sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink back from declaring all the counsel of God to you.<sup>28</sup>Take heed to yourselves and all the flock, [in] which the Holy Spirit has set overseers among you, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.<sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure grievous wolves will come among you, not sparing the flock,<sup>30</sup>and men speaking perverse things will rise up out from your selves to draw disciples away after them.<sup>31</sup>Therefore, stay awake, remember that [for] three years night and day I did not cease to admonish everyone with tears.<sup>32</sup>And now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, being able to build [you] up and to give you an inheritance among all those having been sanctified.<sup>33</sup>I coveted [neither] silver nor gold nor no one's clothing.<sup>34</sup>That you yourselves know my needs and those with me ministered to my hands.<sup>35</sup>In everything I showed you that by straining thus it to aid those being weak, *both and* to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'<sup>e</sup><sup>36</sup>And having said these things, he bowed his knee and prayed with all [of] them.<sup>37</sup>Then there was much weeping among [them] all. And having fallen upon Paul's neck, they were kissing him,<sup>38</sup>sorrowing especially over the word that he had spoken, that they were about to no longer see his face. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

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<sup>d</sup> Some ancient texts add Christ

<sup>e</sup> Not found in the gospels