

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

## ACTS 20:1-12 | LESSON SUMMARY

### A Long Sermon

**ACTS 20:3**, "There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia." (ESV)

- The riots in Ephesus prompt Paul's departure
  - Paul still intends to go to Rome, but first visits churches on his way from Ephesus throughout Asia
- He spends three months in Greece, but is driven out by another plot against him
  - About to set sail for Syria, but instead returns to Macedonia
  - Paul was likely intending to go back to Antioch when warned of a plot against him
  - At this point we see a large group accompanies him
- Accompanied by (verse 4):
  - Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus
  - The Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus
    - Aristarchus = aristocracy
    - Secundus = slave, or "second"
  - Gaius of Derbe
  - Timothy
  - The Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus
- Group separates and Paul's company awaits him in Troas, gateway between Asia and Europe



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ACTS 20:6, "...but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days." (ESV)

- Troas will be featured throughout Paul's missionary work
  - There's a clearly established Christian community

### Eutychus

ACTS 20:7, "On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight."

- Paul gives a Sunday night sermon
  - He knows it will be his last time seeing this particular group of Christians and pours out everything he can—preaching and teaching until midnight
- Sunday would have been a normal workday, so all would likely be quite tired
  - It's dark (lamps mention in verse 8)

ACTS 20:9, "And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead."

- Eutychus is a young man/boy
- The fear and devastation his parents and others would have felt would have been tremendous



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- “But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” (Acts 20:10, ESV)
- Paul doesn't miss a beat—the boy is raised to life and Paul goes back up to eat and talk until daybreak

**ACTS 20:12**, “And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.”

- The miracle marks his message

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** F.F. Bruce, *The Book of Acts*, Zondervan, Holman Bible Atlas, *Acts: Archeological Study Bible*

