



Grade 2-5: Paul's Ministry in Rome

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Thank you for continuing this journey of The Gospel Project. Today's Bible story picks up with Paul's third missionary journey. Paul traveled from place to place, teaching about Jesus and encouraging the believers. Luke, the writer of Acts, records that a major disturbance arose in Ephesus concerning Christians. Ephesus was a large city in Asia Minor. It was a central location for politics, religions, and business.

Some men there made their living by making silver shrines for false gods, like the goddess Artemis. If people started to believe what Paul was saying, they could lose their livelihood! The men started a riot. Paul wanted to speak to the people, but the disciples would not let him. They feared for Paul's life. After the uproar was over, Paul left for Macedonia.

In Troas, a city in Macedonia, Paul spoke about Jesus late into the night. One young man named Eutychus (YOO tih kuhs) was sitting on a window sill, listening, when he fell asleep. He fell out the window from the third story and died. But Paul—through the power of God—brought him back to life.

Sometime later, Paul decided to go back to Jerusalem. Along the way, a prophet named Agabus came to Paul. He took Paul's belt and tied his own feet and hands. Then he said that the Jews in Jerusalem would bind Paul's hands and feet in the same way. Paul's friends begged him not to go. But Paul was not afraid to be arrested—or even to die—for the name of Jesus, so Paul kept going toward Jerusalem.

Paul told about Jesus even when he was in danger. Paul shared the gospel with people who didn't know Jesus. He told people to turn from their sins and trust in Jesus, and he encouraged believers in the church to keep loving Jesus. God changed the people's hearts, and they turned away from their sin. The good news about Jesus is powerful and life-giving.

Bible Passage: Acts 21:17–28:31

Big Picture Question: How did God help Paul on his journey? God protected Paul so he could keep telling people about Jesus.

Key Verse: Romans 1:16

Unit Christ Connection: God chose Paul to be a witness to all he had seen and heard of the risen Christ.