

Paul's Journeys and Letters

Follow the routes, explore the places, and see how the letters fit into a chronology that includes disputed dates and settings.



c. AD 33/34

The Road to Damascus · Damascus

Encounters the risen Jesus on the road; blinded; called as apostle.

Places

1. The Road to Damascus
2. Damascus

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 9:1-9; 22:6-11; 26:12-18; Gal 1:15-16

c. AD 46-48

Antioch · Seleucia Pieria · Salamis · Paphos

Set apart by the Spirit; to Cyprus; Elymas blinded, Sergius Paulus believes; Saul now Paul.

Places

1. Antioch
2. Seleucia Pieria
3. Salamis
4. Paphos

Confidence: high

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Biblical references

Acts 13:1-12

c. AD 46-48

Lystra

Heals a lame man; hailed as Zeus and Hermes; Paul stoned and left for dead, then rises.

Places

1. Lystra

Confidence: high

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Biblical references

Acts 14:8-20; 2 Cor 11:25

c. AD 46-48

Derbe · Lystra · Iconium · Pisidian Antioch

Many disciples at Derbe; return strengthening churches and appointing elders.

Places

1. Derbe
2. Lystra
3. Iconium
4. Pisidian Antioch

Confidence: high

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Biblical references

Acts 14:20-23

c. AD 48/49

Antioch

Likely writes Galatians (early-date / South Galatian view).

Places

1. Antioch

Related letters

Galatians

Confidence: medium

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

c. AD 49

Antioch

Returns with the council letter; the church rejoices.

Places

1. Antioch

Confidence: high

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Biblical references

Acts 15:30-35

c. AD 50

Samothrace · Neapolis · Philippi

Sails Troas→Samothrace→Neapolis, then inland to Philippi: Lydia believes; the slave girl freed; beaten and jailed; the jailer saved; the church founded.

Places

1. Samothrace
2. Neapolis
3. Philippi

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 16:11-40; Phil 1:5

c. AD 50-52

Corinth

Meets Aquila and Priscilla; reasons in the synagogue; stays eighteen months.

Places

1. Corinth

Related letters

1 Thessalonians; 2 Thessalonians

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 18:1-11; 1 Thess 3:1-6

c. AD 52/53

Antioch · Galatian region · Phrygia

Third journey begins; strengthens disciples through Galatia and Phrygia.

Places

1. Antioch
2. Galatian region
3. Phrygia

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 18:23

c. AD 52/53-55/56

Ephesus

Two years in the hall of Tyrannus; the word spreads through Asia; magic books burned.

Places

1. Ephesus

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 19:1-20; 20:31

c. AD 55/56

Macedonia · Illyricum

Encourages Macedonia; organizes the collection; ministry as far as Illyricum.

Places

1. Macedonia
2. Illyricum

Related letters

2 Corinthians

Confidence: medium-high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 20:1-2; Rom 15:19; 2 Cor 8-9

c. AD 56/57

Corinth · Cenchreae

Three months in Greece; writes Romans; a plot changes his route home.

Places

1. Corinth
2. Cenchreae

Related letters

Romans

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 20:2-3; Rom 15:22-29; 16:1-2

c. AD 57

Jerusalem

Arrives with the collection; purification rites; accused of defiling the temple; seized.

Places

1. Jerusalem

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 21:15-36; Rom 15:25-28

c. AD 59/60

Caesarea Maritima · Sidon · Myra · Cnidus · Fair Havens

Sent to Rome under Julius; warns against sailing on from Fair Havens.

Places

1. Caesarea Maritima
2. Sidon
3. Myra
4. Cnidus
5. Fair Havens

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 27:1-12

c. AD 60

Malta · Syracuse · Rhegium · Puteoli · Forum Appii · Three Taverns · Rome

From Malta to Italy and up the Appian Way to Rome; the brothers meet him.

Places

1. Malta
2. Syracuse
3. Rhegium
4. Puteoli
5. Forum Appii
6. Three Taverns
7. Rome

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 28:11-15

c. AD 60-62

Rome

Acts ends with Paul in Rome under house arrest. The prison-letter placements traditionally associated with this period are reconstructions, not claims made by Acts.

Places

1. Rome

Confidence: high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Acts 28:16-31

c. AD 60-62

Philemon; Colossians

Philemon says that Paul is sending Onesimus back to Philemon. Overlapping names with Colossians suggest a connection but do not establish a shared delivery, completed route, or prison city.

Related letters

Philemon; Colossians

Confidence: medium-high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Col 4:7-18; Philemon 10-24

c. AD 60-62

Ephesians

Ephesians presents union with Christ and Jew–Gentile unity. Direct Pauline authorship, destination, and prison setting are debated.

Related letters

Ephesians

Confidence: medium-high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

Eph 1-6; 3:1; 6:20-21

c. AD 60-62

Philippians

Philippians presents imprisonment as advancing the gospel and includes the Christ hymn. The prison city is debated.

Related letters

Philippians

Confidence: medium

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

c. AD 62-64

1 Timothy; Titus

On a traditional direct-Pauline reading of 1 Timothy and Titus, their letter settings imply post-Acts ministry: Timothy in Ephesus, Titus in Crete, and a winter plan at Nicopolis. Acts narrates neither a release nor the itinerary, and Nicopolis is not a composition city.

Related letters

1 Timothy; Titus

Confidence: medium

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

1 Tim 1:3; Titus 1:5; 3:12

c. AD 64-67

2 Timothy

Second Timothy presents an imprisoned speaker in Rome, chained like a criminal. Direct Pauline authorship and a final post-Acts imprisonment are debated.

Related letters

2 Timothy

Confidence: medium-high

Dates and placements are historical reconstructions. Confidence describes a placement in the sequence, not whether an event happened.

Biblical references

2 Tim 1:8,15-17; 2:9; 4:6-18

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