

# The World is Being Turned Upside Down

## Acts 17:1-14

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Acts 1:8

But you  
will  
receive  
power

and you shall

both in Jerusalem,

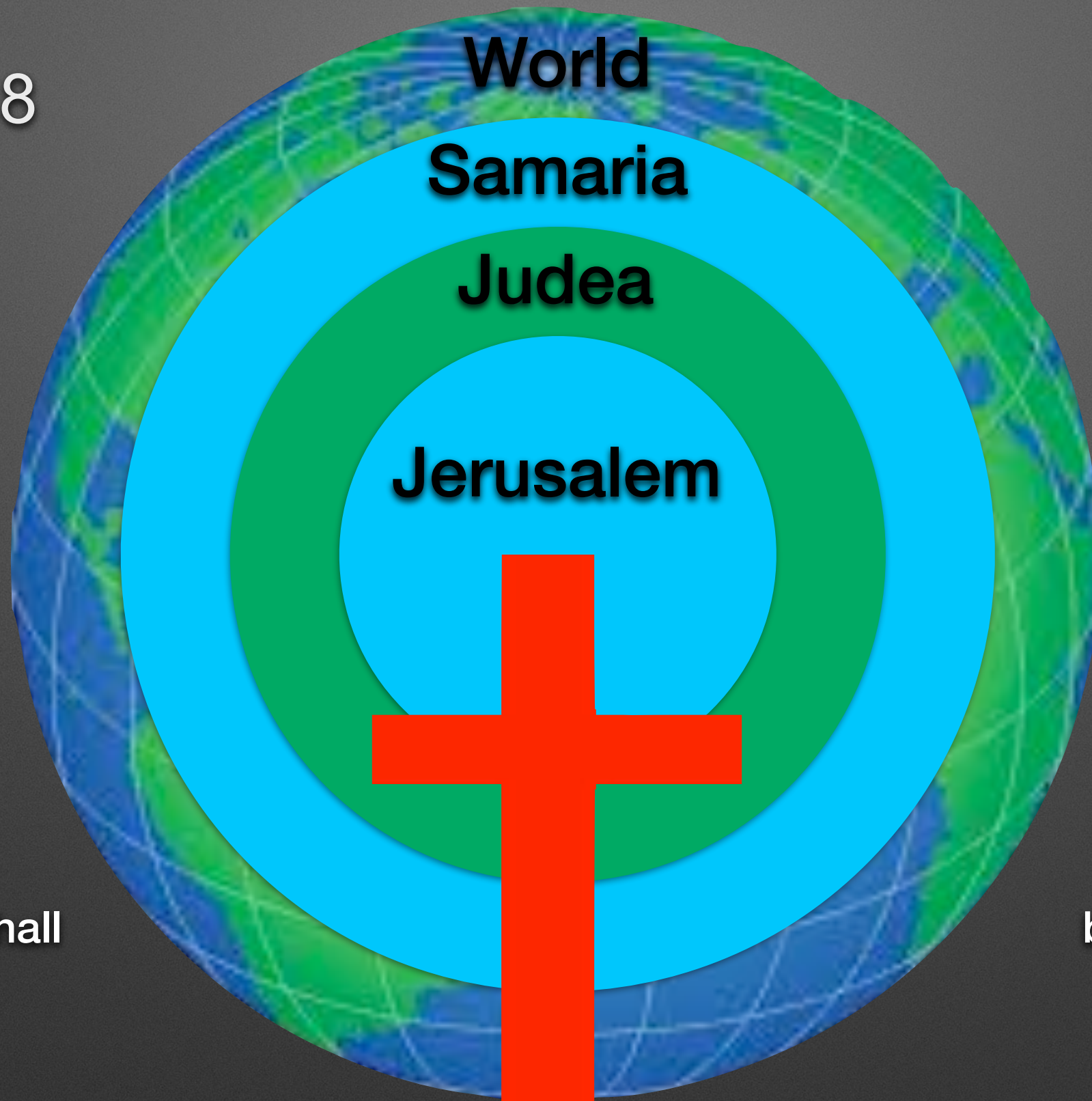
and in all Judea

and Samaria,

and even to the remotest part of the earth

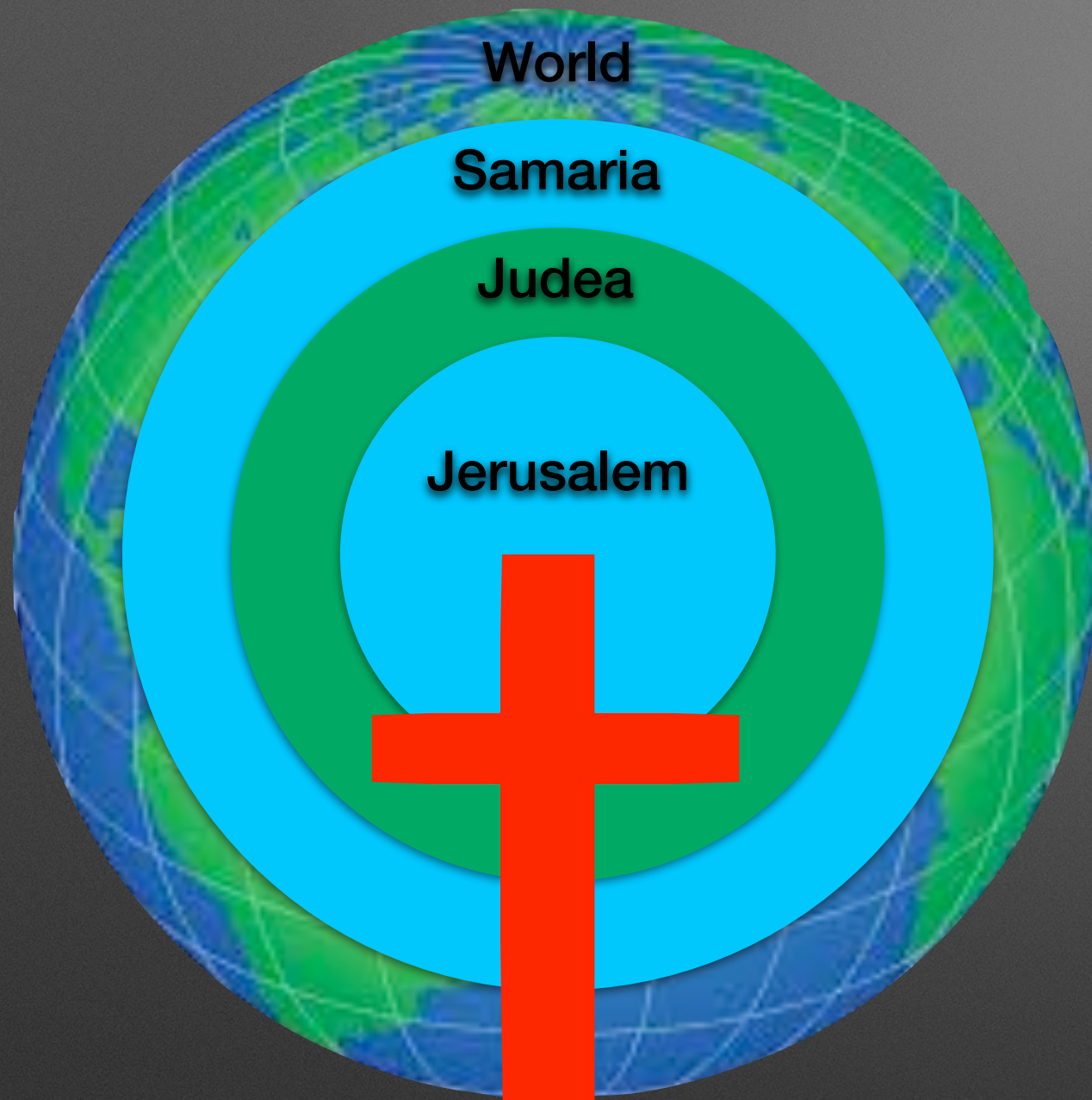
when the  
Holy Spirit  
has come  
upon you;

be My witnesses





# Outline of Acts of the Apostles



The Witness to Jerusalem  
Acts 1:1 - 8:3

The Witness to Judea and  
Samaria  
Acts 8:4 - 12:24

The Witness to the ends  
of the earth  
Acts 12:25 - 21:14

From Jerusalem to Rome  
Acts 21:15 - 28:31



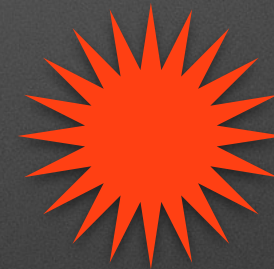
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Acts 12:25 - 21:14

The 1st Missionary Journey  
Acts 12:25 - 14:28

Jerusalem Council-Acts 15:1-35

The 2nd Missionary Journey  
Acts 15:36 - 18:22

The 3rd Missionary Journey  
Acts 18:23 - 21:14





## **Key Verse**

Acts 17:11 - Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

## **Title Verse**

Acts 17:6b - “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.”



# Theme Statement

The Scriptures accurately preached, rationally presented and carefully examined will turn upside down world philosophies, traditions of men and false religions.













#2 - Lydia by the river  
Python woman  
Philippian jailer saved

#2 - Macedonian vision

#1 - Synagogue sermon  
Jews 1st, now to Gentiles

#1 - Healed a lame man  
Barnabas = Zeus?  
Paul = Hermes?  
Paul stoned & left for dead  
#2 - Meet Timothy

#1 - Jews & Greeks believe  
City divided  
Threat of stoning - fled

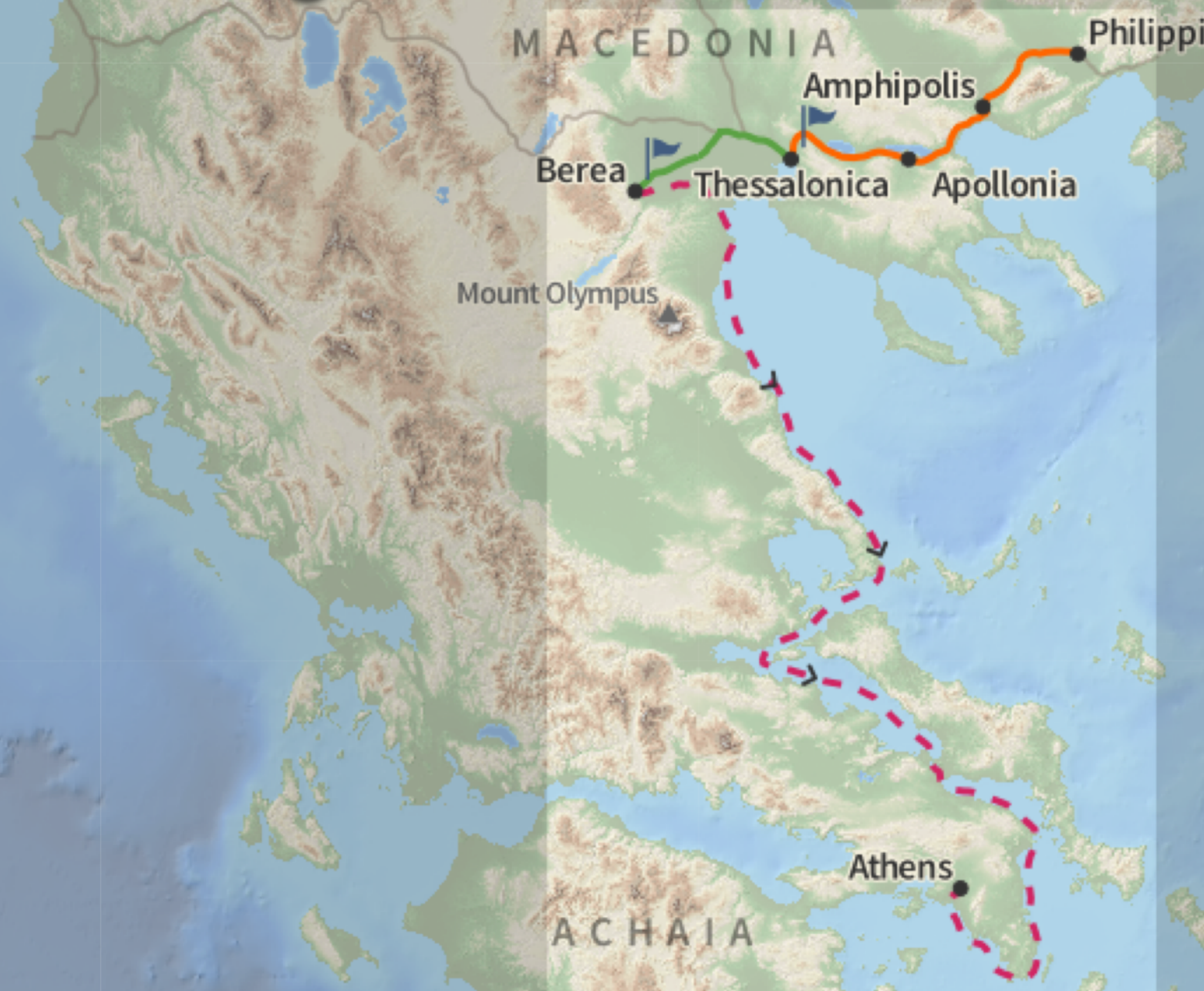
#1 - Made many  
disciples

## 2nd Missionary Journey





# Via Egnacia





# Ancient Via Egnatia near Kavala (Neapolis)













# Thessaloniki

An aerial photograph of Thessaloniki, Greece, showing a dense urban landscape. The city is built on a hillside, with numerous multi-story buildings and a mix of architectural styles. A prominent blue banner with the word "Thessaloniki" is overlaid on the upper part of the image. The city extends down to a waterfront area where several large, light-colored buildings are visible. The sea is visible in the foreground.



# The Church Founded in Thessalonica

## Acts 17:1-9

1. Paul, as usual, started his ministry in Thessalonica with the Jews in their synagogue
2. Paul dialogued with the Jews from the Scriptures for three Sabbaths explaining and laying out the evidence that:
  - a) The Messiah had to suffer, die and rise from the dead
  - b) Jesus is the Messiah
3. Some Jews, many God-fearers and a number of leading women were convinced of the truth and were joined with Paul and Silas

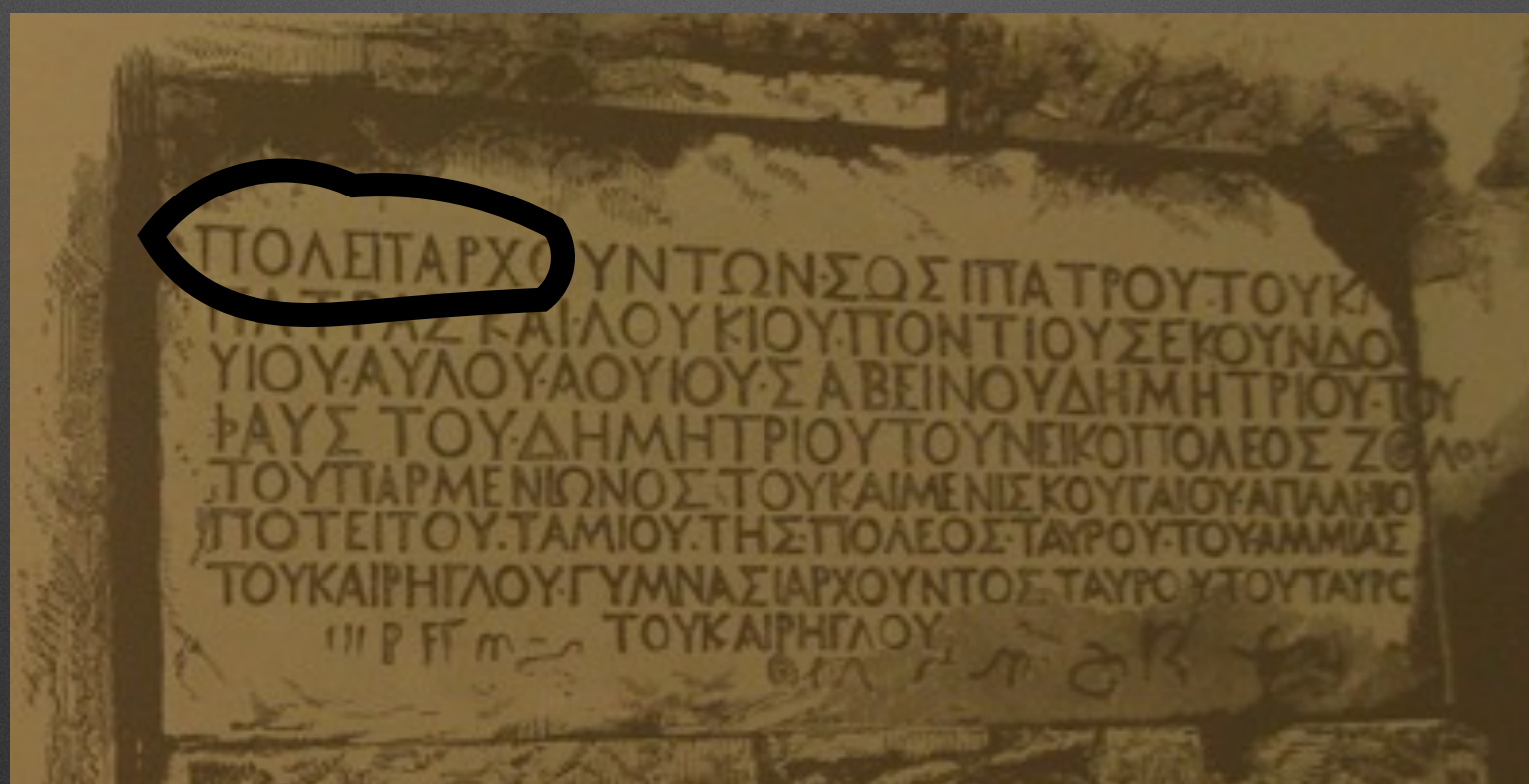
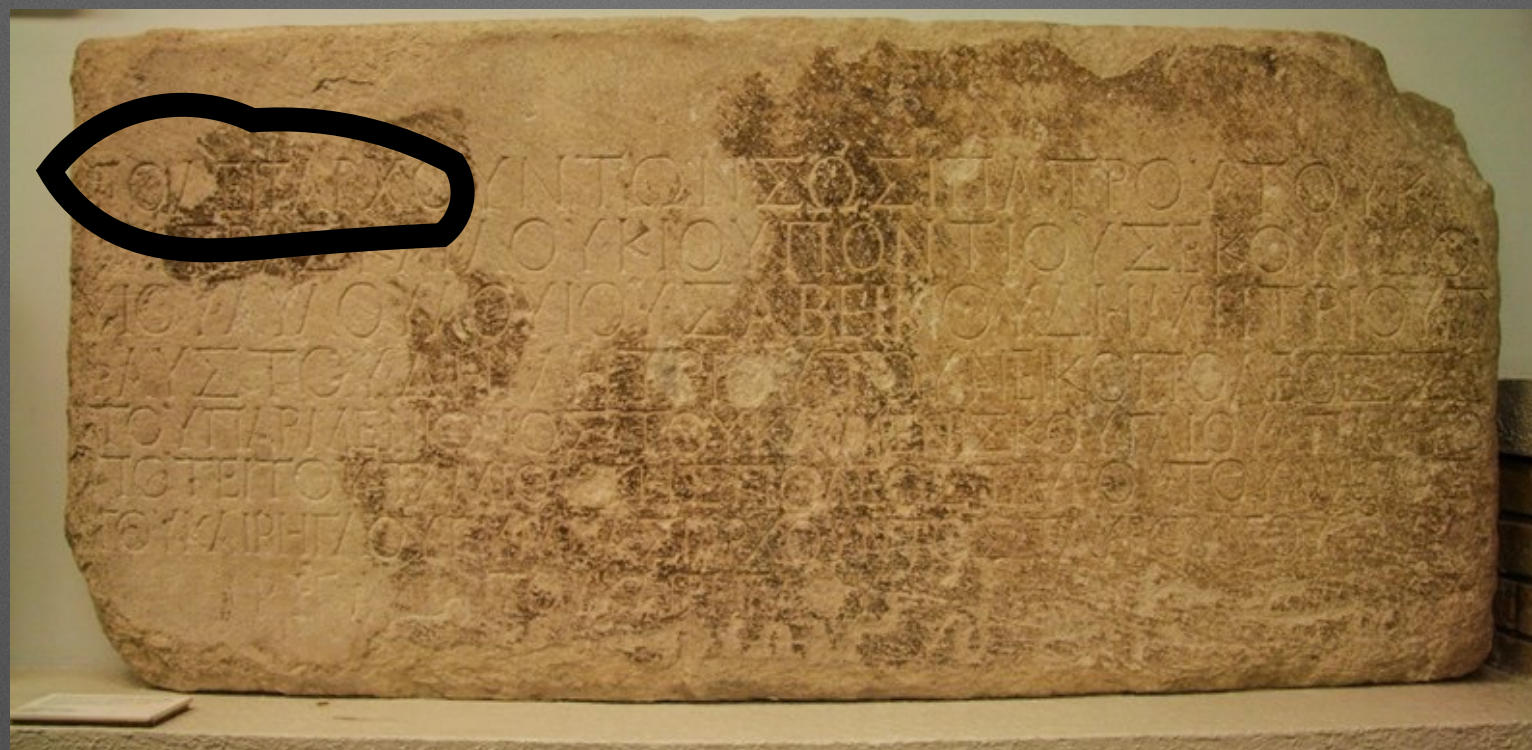


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6. Jason was released upon posting a “considerable” bond probably implying that he would send Paul and Silas away







# Modern Day Veria (Berea)





# The Church Founded in Berea

## Acts 17:10-14

1. Paul, as usual, started his ministry in Berea with the Jews in their synagogue
2. The Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians in that they received the truth with great eagerness demonstrated by examining the truth daily
3. Many of the Jews and respected Greek women and men believed the truth
4. BUT Jews, not of Berea but of Thessalonica, stirred up the crowd so at the suggestion of the brethren, Paul was sent away for his protection while Silas and Timothy remained



# Implications

1. As Christians, we must continually examine the Word of God to make sure we are faithfully living by the truth of God
2. As Christians, we are not to be passive listeners to the Word of God
3. As Christians, if we are struggling to understand certain doctrines of Scripture, keep studying and keep learning
4. Unbelievers need to examine the Scriptures to see if the gospel is true





See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.  
Colossians 2:8