

THE GOSPEL OPPOSITION
The Third Missionary Journey

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Acts 19:21-41

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 1 st Missionary Journey | 13:1-14:28 |
| Jerusalem Council | 15:1-35 |
| 2 nd Missionary Journey | 15:36-18:22 |
| 3 rd Missionary Journey | 18:23-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Theme of Acts: Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Key Verse: Acts 19:26 “You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods *at all*.”

Theme: The proclamation of the gospel saves those whom God chooses, impacts the culture through their obedience and brings opposition from the enemy

Ephesian Church Plant 18:24-19:41

I. Plans after Victory 19:21-22

1. After the successful growth of the Word, Paul planned to _____
2. After Paul’s return to Jerusalem, he planned to _____
3. After sending out his teammates, Paul was to continue the ministry _____

II. Reasons for Rage 23-27

1. The proclamation of the gospel has resulted in the _____
2. The impact of Christians living in obedience to the gospel in Ephesus:
 - a. Threatens to destroy _____ of the silver craftsmen’s business

- b. Threatens to destroy _____ of the great temple
- c. Threatens to destroy _____ of the great goddess Artemis

3. Many people converting to Christianity brings _____

III. Response of Rage

28-34

1. Mob is _____ and is stimulated for irrational action.
2. Mob is _____ Paul's travelling companions.
3. Mob is _____ and does not understand the purpose of their assembly.
4. Mob is _____ against a common enemy.

IV. Restoration from Rage

35-41

1. He affirms the two _____ as unnecessary to defend.
 - a. Reputation of their city
 - b. Reality of their deity
2. He acknowledges the _____ who have been attacked.
3. He identifies _____ and the legal route to their resolve the charges.
4. He warns that all could be charged with participating in an _____

V. Application

1. Trust the Lord to use our obedience to impact the culture.

Titus 2:11-12 1 Timothy 4:16

2. Do not become discouraged by opposition and persecution, but become joyful in building deep relationship in support of one another.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 Acts 20:17-19 Acts 20:36-37

3. Be consumed by a love for the Lord that motivates obedience to His Word.

Revelation 2:2-4 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13