

Acts 28:16-31

**The Ongoing
Proclamation of
the Gospel:**

The Jewish Defense

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MEMORY VERSE:

“But _____ when the _____ has
_____ upon you; and you shall be my _____ both ____
_____, and in all _____ and _____, and even to
the _____ part of the _____.” Acts 1:8



OUTLINE OF ACTS:

I. The Witness to Jerusalem.

1:1-8:3

II. The Witness to Judea and Samaria

8:4-12:24

III. The Witness to the Ends of the Earth

12:25-21:14

Mob Defense

Jerusalem

Acts 21:27-36

Sanhedrin Defense

Jerusalem

Acts 22:30-23:10

Felix Defense

Caesarea

Acts 24:1-21

Festus Defense

Caesarea

Acts 25:1-12

Agrippa Defense

Caesarea

Acts 25:13-26:32

IV. Paul's Trek to Rome (World)

27:1-28:16

Jewish Defense

Rome

Acts 28:17-29

Gospel's Proclamation

World

Acts 28:30,31-present



SECTION VERSE:

30 And Paul stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered. (Acts 28:30-31)



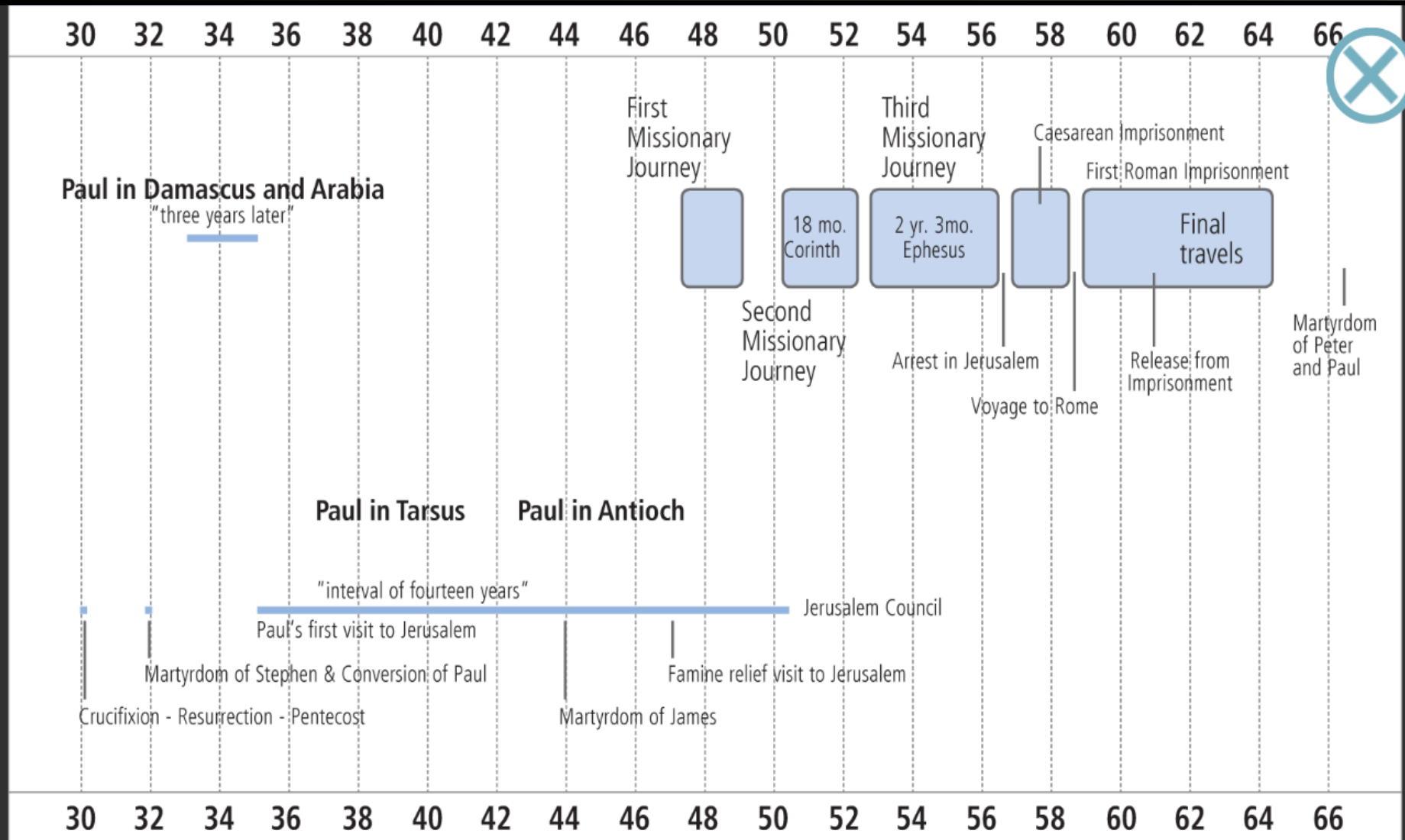


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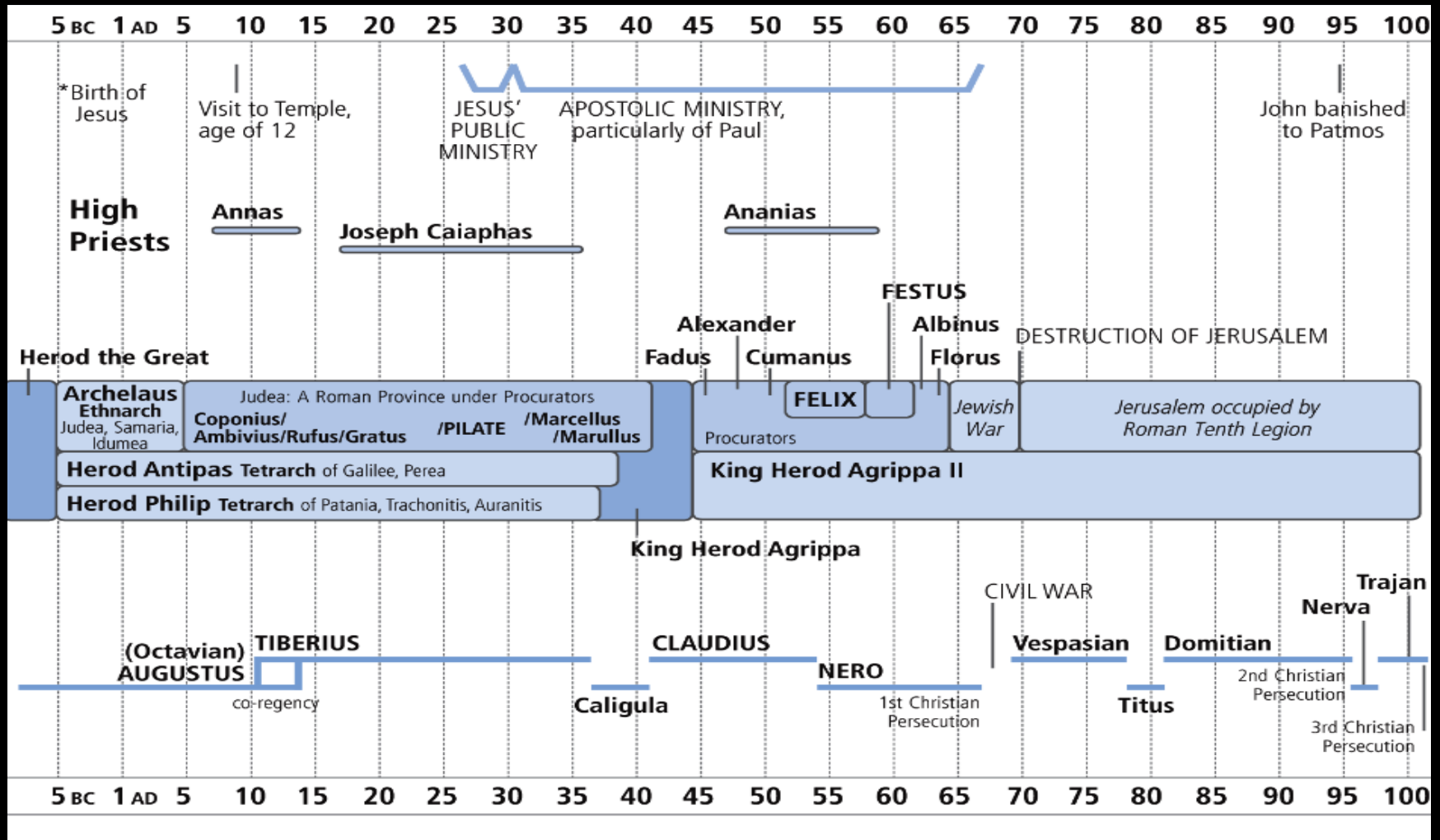


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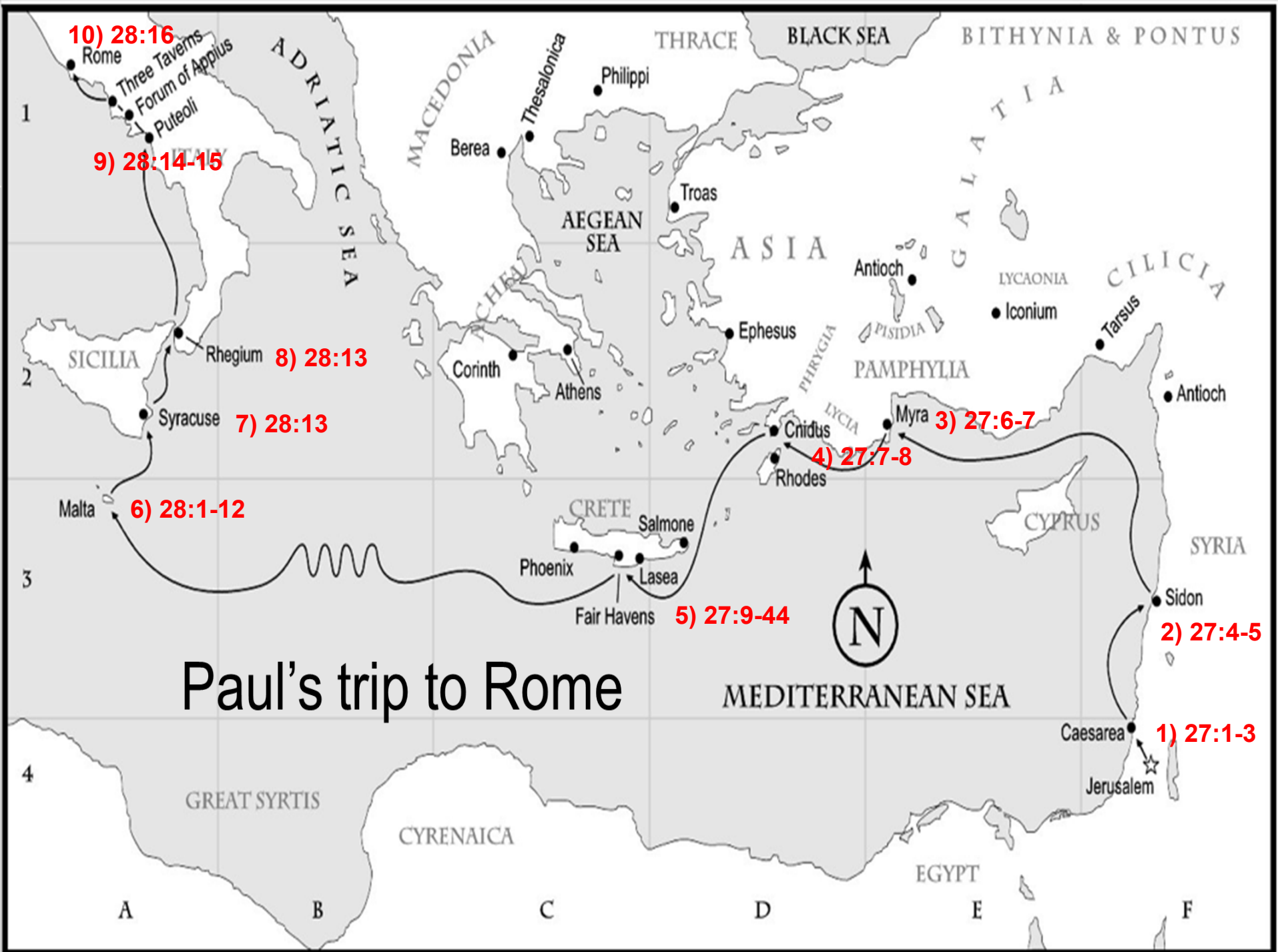


TWO IMPRISONMENTS



A Comparison of Paul's Two Roman Imprisonments

| First Imprisonment | Second Imprisonment |
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| Acts 28—Wrote the Prison Epistles | Wrote 2 Timothy |
| Accused by Jews of heresy and sedition against the empire | Persecuted by Rome and arrested as a criminal |
| Local sporadic persecutions (a.d. 60–63) | Neronian persecution (a.d. 64–68) |
| Decent living conditions in a rented house (Acts 28:30–31) | Poor conditions in a cold, dark dungeon |
| Many friends visited him | Virtually alone (only Luke with him) |
| Many opportunities for Christian witness were available | Opportunities for witness were restricted |
| Was optimistic for release and freedom (Phil. 1:24–26) | Anticipated his execution (2 Tim. 4:6) |







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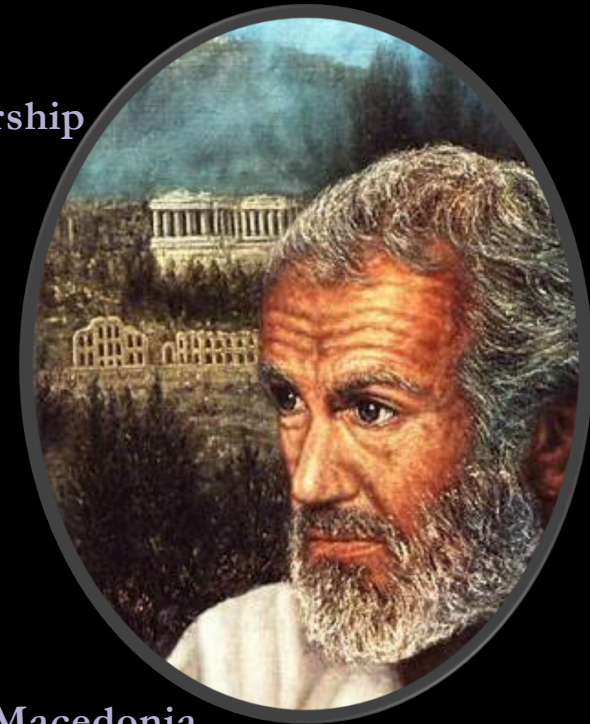
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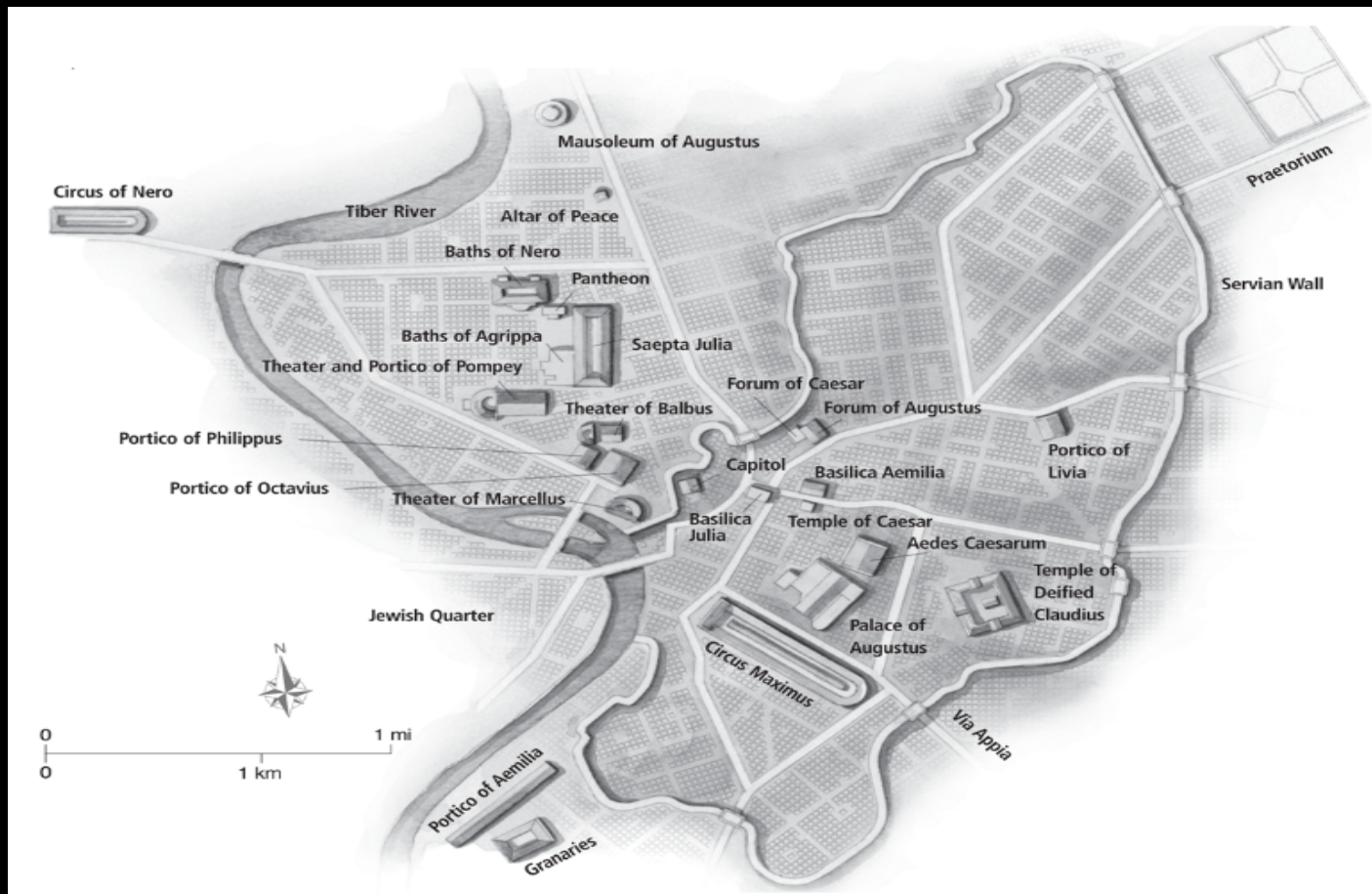
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CITY OF ROME



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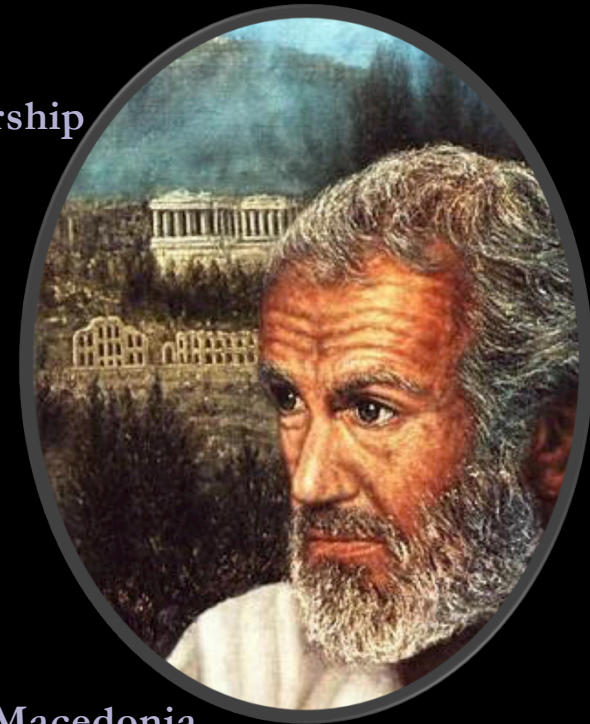
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IMPLICATIONS

- 1) Speak the gospel promptly—don't wait ... three days later (v. 17).
- 2) Communicate the gospel lovingly: "brothers" "he didn't go on the offensive" (vs 17-20).
- 3) Describe the gospel message using Scriptures "Moses" "the law and the Prophets" (v. 23).
- 4) Persistently proclaim the good news "from morning till evening" (v.23).

