



The Footsteps of Paul

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The Footsteps of Paul: Berea

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Berea

Berea was first mentioned by Thucydides in 437 BC.

In Roman times it was a prosperous city with a large Jewish community.

Veria had a significant Jewish community until its deportation in World War II.

The Old Metropolis is an early 11th-century Byzantine basilica, dedicated to Saint Paul.



“A genuine member of a Lutheran congregation must have a thorough understanding of the pure Lutheran doctrine or at least must desire to grow in the knowledge of it. Such a one will imitate the Bereans in searching the Scriptures daily.” – C.F.W. Walther

Acts 17:5-9

Where was Paul before going to Berea?

How did the Jews react to Paul’s preaching?

John 19:15 They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Why are political and spiritual matters so sensitive?

Acts 17:10-15

How does Paul escape?

Where does Paul begin his work in Berea?

How are the Berean Jews described?

Proverbs 8:6-7 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

How do they receive the Word?

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

What can we learn from the Bereans? What does a noble life look like?

Who comes to the faith?

Acts 20:1-6

Where was Paul as Acts 20 begins?

Where is Macedonia?

Who accompanies Paul?

Romans 16:21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

From where does Paul sail? What problem does this present?

Where is Troas?

2 Corinthians 2:12-13 When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

Are you learning the geography of ancient Greece and Asia Minor?