

## Secrets in the Sand 3 – Philippi Part 1

### How Paul Ended Up in Philippi

- His 'second' Journey – Acts 15:36–18:22
- Mid-journey, while in Troas (Turkey) has vision to come to Macedonia (Greece)

*16:1 Paul came also to **Derbe** and to **Lystra**. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers<sup>2</sup> at **Lystra** and **Iconium**. 3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in **Jerusalem**. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers idaily.*

*6 And they went through the region of **Phrygia** and **Galatia**, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to **Mysia**, they attempted to go into **Bithynia**, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by **Mysia**, they went down to **Troas**. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to **Macedonia** and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into **Macedonia**, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

*11 We set sail from **Troas** and took a straight course [across the **Aegean** Sea] to **Samothrace**, the following day to **Neapolis**, 12 and from there to **Philippi**, which is a leading city of the district of **Macedonia** and a Roman colony.*

- Sails from Alexandria Troas across the Aegean Sea to Samothrace to Neapolis
- Takes the *Via Egnatia* – a Roman Road spanning Greece – to Philippi

### Major Events that Took Place in Philippi

- Conversion of Lydia – the first convert on European soil – baptized in stream
- Paul is imprisoned and freed by God; jailer is converted. – jail ruins?

Video: The Gospel of Caesar – 28 min (from *That the World May Know, Vol. 15, A Clash of Kingdoms: Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord - Part 1*, Ray Vander Laan)

### Discussion

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| <b>Which is the true Gospel/Good News/Euangelion?</b> |                       |                      |                            |
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|   | <b>Caesar Says...</b> | <b>Jesus Says...</b> | <b>"The World" Says...</b> |
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| <b>Who You Are</b>                                    |                       |                      |                            |
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| <b>What Your Purpose is</b>                           |                       |                      |                            |
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| <b>Who/What Saves You</b>                             |                       |                      |                            |
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| <b>What You Need to be Saved from</b>                 |                       |                      |                            |
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| <b>Who/What brings Peace</b>                          |                       |                      |                            |
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| <b>What Peace Looks Like</b>                          |                       |                      |                            |
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