

St Paul's Third Journey

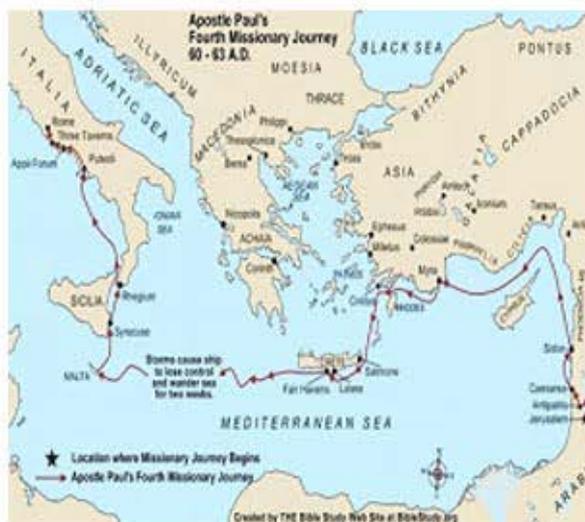


1. Paul moved to Antioch and stayed there a year before starting on his third journey.
2. He briefly visits the congregations of the Galatia and Phrygia regions to enhance the believers on his way to Ephesus. Most of these churches he had started on his first journey.
3. At Ephesus Paul, as is usual, preaches in the synagogue that Jesus is the Messiah until the Jews there refused to believe. Paul has daily discussions in the Hall of Tyrannus which spreads the word of God throughout the province of Asia. After spending about three years a silver smith who is worried about the loss of money in making idols begins a riot in the city about the Christian message that Paul is
4. He travelled through Macedonia often preaching to the Christians there and then makes it into Greece and down to Corinth.
5. He stays in Corinth for about three month and intended to sail for Syria but hearing about a plot against him he decides to travel back up north through Macedonia to Philippi.
6. Paul stays at Philippi for about a week for the feast of Passover and headed for Troas.

Eddie Reubens Module Paul's Life Mission and Letters

1. While in Toras Paul speaks to the people for many hours. A man named Eutychus falls asleep seated by a window. He falls from the window and is picked up, dead. Paul throws himself on top of him and brings him back to life. They leave for Assos.
2. At Assos Paul and the companions he has met board ship and sail to Miletus. Paul sends for the elders of Ephesus to meet him. He delivers an emotional farewell speech warning them against false teaching and encouraging them to carry on the work of shepherds for Gods Kingdom. After praying with them Paul says goodbye and he and his travelling companions leave for Kos on their way to Tyre and Jerusalem.
3. Sailing along the coast of Phoenician Paul and his companions arrive at Caesarea where they stay at the house of Phillip. After a few days a prophet named Agabus warns Paul of a Jewish plot against him in Jerusalem. His companions try hard to persuade him not to go. Paul states that he is ready to be arrested and even die for the Lord Jesus so he is going to Jerusalem anyway.

The Fourth and Final Journey



On reaching Jerusalem Paul met with James and much praise was given to God after Paul had described his adventures. Paul was warned by James that certain Jews were claiming Paul had been telling them to turn their backs on the Law of Moses and he came up with a plan to quash these rumours.

Paul was seen by Jews from the province of Asia which stirred up the crowd the result of which was that Paul was arrested by the Romans and taken into protective custody. Paul was transferred to Caesarea when a plot on his life was discovered.

Paul is held in Caesarea for two years until the governor was changed. The new governor decides to send Paul to Rome under guard.

1. Paul leaves Caesarea heading for ports in the province of Asia.
2. They landed at Sidon and reached Myra after battling head winds.
3. They changed ship for a vessel bound for Italy. Having sailed they made little headway and were hard put to reach Cnidus.
4. On leaving Cnidus they continued to suffer bad winds and hugging the coast of Crete they put in at a place called Fair Havens not far from the town Lasea.

1. A discussion took place about over wintering but their location was deemed to be unsuitable for this purpose. It was decided to sail for Phoenix a Cretan harbour further down the coast.
2. Having sailed a north east wind took down on them blowing them off course and eventually, and very luckily, being ship wrecked on Malta.
3. They over wintered in Malta with Paul carrying out much healing to the sick.
4. They sailed from Malta heading for Puteoli just south of Rome. On arrival fellow Christians were found who he stayed with before going to Rome.

He remained for two years in Rome under house arrest but was allowed the freedom to access to his friends and writing materials. There is some doubt as to what happened next but he was most likely held in prison until AD64 when he was executed by Nero as a result of the fire of Rome. Christians were an easy target.

PAULS LETTERS

There is some debate as to whether Paul wrote all the letters contributed to him. I think we can be fairly certain that they are all his. They were written over a number of years and over a period with a view to become more settled and he becomes more at peace with himself and his beliefs.

The letter destinations are listed above.

Quotes of the month

Some observations on life as a Christian....

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger.

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A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous.

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Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God?

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Here are two things I have learned:

There is a God.

And I'm not Him.

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Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.

And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's grace.

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Science can add years to your life, but only Christ can add life to your years.

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The Christian's chief occupational hazards are depression and discouragement.

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Until you are free to die, you are not free to live.

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Some miscellaneous observations on life today

Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.

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If men speak ill of you, live so that no one will believe them.

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Successful man: one who can earn more than his family can spend.

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Toe: a part of the foot that is used to find furniture in the dark.

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The modern idea of 'roughing it' is to holiday without internet access.

SERVICES

5/8/18 MW	Preacher: Eddie Reubens Stewards: Brian Cartwright Judith Wilson Jean Roper	Leader: Cath Taylor Reader1: Kath Roper Reader2: Cath Taylor
12/8/18 C	Preacher: Brian Cartwright Stewards: Mary Howley Alan Cook Sylvia Griffin	Leader: Judith Wilson Reader1: Mary Howley Reader2: Judith Wilson
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25/8/18 MW	Preacher: Bill Holdforth Stewards: Brian Cartwright Judith Wilson Jean Roper	Leader: Brian Cartwright Reader1: Wendy Cook Reader2: Jean Roper

No meetings during August for **Fun Club, Bible Study & Church Council**

DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Social: October Murder Mystery Night; November Beetle Drive; January Panto

GIFT DAY is Sunday 9th September. Watch out for details in September Jottings.

Bible Study Group 11th & 25th September

Sunday 16th September joining Atherstone for their Harvest Service and Harvest buffet meal.

- Our own Harvest Service is on the 7th October and we will be following the Women's World day of Prayer Service. So many people were unable to make this service because of snow. It was a very lovely service and it concentrated on the environment and how we should look after it.
- This will be followed by a meal and an auction of produce.
- The Induction service for our new Minister, Rev Allan Smith, will take place on Saturday 20th October at the URC Church Nuneaton at 3-00pm. This will be followed by refreshments
- Allan's first service for us is The Remembrance Day Service on the 11/11

European Summers

Pick up a newspaper these days and you'll be lucky to find a lead story other than "Europe" or "the long hot summer"— and that gave me an idea for a fun quiz.

Below, I have given two lists. The first contains a number of European languages and the second the word for "summer" in the each of those language. Eagle eyes will quickly notice that there are different numbers of words in the two lists but there is a reason for that— one word for 'summer' is common to three of the listed languages..

Your task is to pair up each word for 'summer' with the country/ies in which it is used.

I stress this is a fun quiz. Hence, guesswork will play a very large part, I suspect, and consequently scores will probably be low. I'm therefore not going to set you a target score this month – just give yourself a pat on the back whatever your score.

Language

Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Irish, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish, Portuguese, Welsh

Local word for summer

estate, été, haf, ljeto, léto, samfradh, sommer, verão, verano, zomer

As ever, the answers can be found elsewhere in this edition.

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Bishops' comments on curates

If you've ever been exasperated with a priest, spare a thought for bishops, who have to work with hundreds of them. Here are some assessments of clergy, made by bishops whose patience was perhaps wearing thin....

'Mr Smith believes his last parish made him a scapegoat, as did his three previous parishes.'

'Mr Brown would be out of his depth in a church car park puddle.'

'Miss Green has delusions of adequacy.'

'Mr White, having reached rock bottom, has started to dig.'

'His last parish would follow him anywhere – if only out of morbid curiosity.'

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With weddings in mind...

Marriages are made in heaven. (Alfred Tennyson)

Judge: 'Have you ever been cross examined before?'

Accused: 'Yes, your honour, I am a married man.'

At her wedding the bride tripped and fell into the arms of the vicar. 'That's the first time I've held a fallen woman,' he quipped. To which she retorted: 'It's the first time I've been picked up by a vicar!'

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Children's attempts to describe married relationships:

Christians can have only one wife. This is called monotony.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Holy acrimony is another name for marriage.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day...but a ball of fire by night.

Puzzle corner Answers

Croatian – ljetno, Czech – leto, Danish, German, and Norwegian – sommer, Dutch – zomer, French – été, Irish – samhradh, Italian – estate, Spanish – verano, Portuguese – verão, Welsh – haf,

PETER RABBIT



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Living to Impress

When the much-anticipated movie *Peter Rabbit* was released in cinemas it provoked controversy about its use of violence for comic effect. Some, for example, objected to the rabbits pelting their adversary Mr McGregor with blackberries in order to create an anaphylactic allergic reaction. Others responded that there is a long (and, they would say, harmless) history of the humorous use of aggression in children's stories – think about Tom and Jerry, for example.



Wherever you stand on this issue, there is perhaps a deeper question to contemplate. Why do the rabbits and Mr McGregor want to fight each other anyway, and what might this help us to consider about our own lives in the real world?

When the old Mr McGregor dies, the rabbits take over his house and garden. Their leader, Peter Rabbit, is clearly driven by more than just a need to provide for his family. He immediately installs, above the fireplace, a picture of his parents; and he hopes that they would be impressed by him. When the new young Mr McGregor (Domhnall Gleeson) arrives, he wants to woo the attractive next door neighbour (Rose Byrne), and sees the rabbits as an obstacle in the way of impressing her with his affections.

There are many causes of conflict and violence in this world. On a personal level, the desire to impress others is a significant one. Indeed, this is part of our animalistic tendencies, reflecting the rutting behaviour of many other mammals.



As we watch this entertaining family film, it is worth considering the extent to which, in our own lives, a desire to impress leads to aggression in our thoughts, words and actions. Might the world be a more peaceful and harmonious place for all of us if we let go of our desire to impress, and followed the example of the one who laid down his life for others?

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This month many newly ordained clergy will be settling into new parishes across the country. So with them in mind, we offer some old 'new curate jokes'....

Whispers

A young curate lost his voice at the local football match one Saturday and, being due to preach the next morning, he thought he should call in and consult his vicar. So he rang the vicarage bell and the door was answered by a very attractive teenage daughter. 'Is your dad here?' the curate managed to whisper.

'No,' she whispered back, thinking she had got the message. 'Come on in!'

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Staying power

Hospital patients' comment about the new curate: 'He can stay longer in an hour than most people do in a week.'

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Nearly omnipotent

The curate was giving his young daughter a cuddle before she went to bed. As he picked her up and hugged her tight, she said: "Daddy, you're so strong! I really think you'll be God one day!"

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Slow

A curate consistently arrived late for work until his long-suffering vicar asked him what was wrong. 'My problem,' explained the curate, 'is that I sleep very slowly.'

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With holidays in mind...

Don't know nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

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Elephants

Sign spotted in a safari park: *Elephants, please stay in your car.*

When children write to their minister:

'Dear Mr Minister...

- I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.

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- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.

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- My father should be a minister too. Every day he gives me a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11

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- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.

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- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.

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- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.

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- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.

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- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money, but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.

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*After inspection, Callum was allowed into
the Animals' Service*