

Philippi: How the Gospel Advances

ACTS 16:6-40

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

Acts 16:6-8 NIV

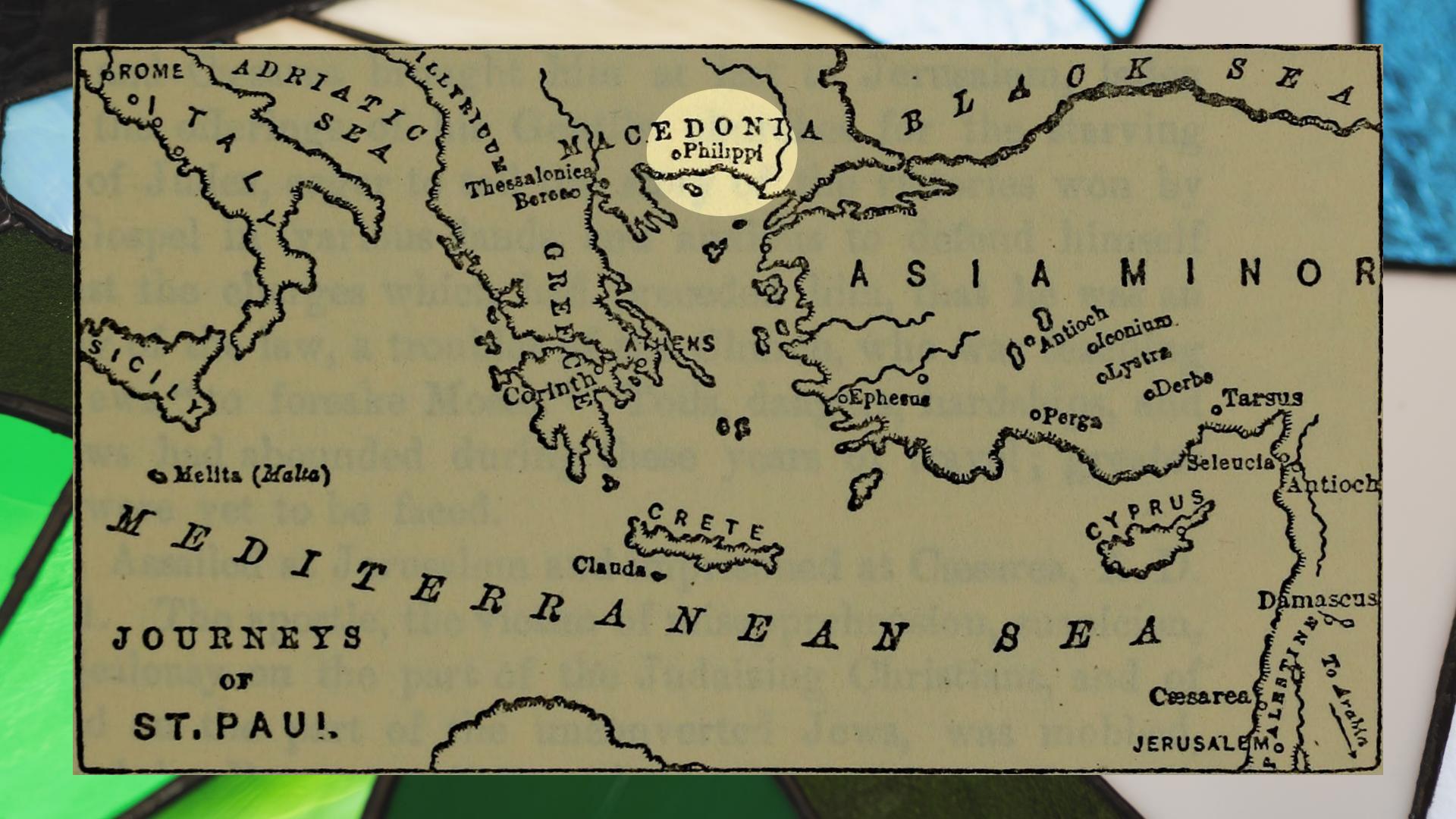
During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and **help us**." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to **preach the gospel to them**.

Acts 16:9-10 NIV

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis.

12 From there we traveled to **Philippi**, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Acts 16:11-12 NIV



Life

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

Acts 16:13-14 NIV

Life

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Acts 16:15 NIV

Life

Hope

About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying** and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 16:25 NIV

Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:26-30 NIV

Life

Hope

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Acts 16:31-33 NIV

Life

Hope

Joy

The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was **filled with joy because he had come to believe in God** — he and his whole family.

Acts 16:34 NIV



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- The Gospel Brings LIFE
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- 4 Months



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