

Sermon Handout

The Apostolic Company

Acts 20:1-6

I. The Journey

- a. Ephesus to Troas II Cor 2:12-13 (Titus not there)
- b. Troas to Macedonia Acts 20:1-2a (II Cor written in Macedonia)
- c. Macedonia to Achaia (3 months – Winter, 56-57) Acts 20:2b
Romans written during this time
- d. Back to Macedonia (diverted from Cenchrea) Acts 20:3
Probably planned to be in Jerusalem for Passover *see vv. 6, 16*
- e. Includes trip to the Illyrian border Rom 15:19
- f. Back to Troas Acts 20:4-6
 - i. Most of the team sails to Troas ahead of Paul v. 5
 - ii. Luke sails to Troas with Paul v. 6

II. The Gift for the Saints in Jerusalem

- a. A central reason for the trip Rom 15:25-27
- b. Contributing churches
 - i. Corinth: I Cor 16:1-4; II Cor 9:1-9; 8:6, 16-22; Rom 15:26
 - ii. Galatia: I Cor 16:1 (*see Acts 18:23*)
 - iii. Macedonia: II Cor 8:1-5; Rom 15:26
 - iv. Ephesus: Tychicus & Trophimus representing it (*cf. 21:29*)
- c. Paul's testimony before Felix Acts 24:17

III. The Delegation vv. 5-6

- a. Sopater, the Berean
- b. Aristarchus & Secundus, from Thessalonica
- c. Gaius, from Derbe
- d. Timothy, from Lystra
- e. Tychicus & Trophimus, from Ephesus
- f. Luke, from Macedonia(?) (*see "we" in 16:16, now resumed*)
- g. Paul himself representing Corinth I Cor 16:1; II Cor 9:2

IV. Lessons for the Church

- a. Ministry for Jesus is always a joint effort.
- b. It is appropriate for churches to be represented by faithful men.
- c. Group ministrations of benevolence protect the church's reputation.
See II Cor 8:18-21