

## Thru the Bible in 8 Weeks

### Recap

- Review
  - Old Testament Timeline
  - New Testament Timeline

### Acts

- The 30 year history of the Early Church
  - Acts of the Apostles
  - Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles
- Ch. 1
  - Directives of Jesus
    - Wait for the Holy Spirit
      - Dunamis = Power
    - Witnesses in Jerusalem...to the ends of the earth
      - Martus = Willing to die for what they believe
  - Ascension of Jesus
  - Replacement of Matthias
- Ch. 2
  - Pentecost
    - Coming of the Holy Spirit
      - Imperative that Jesus die for the sins of humanity first
- Ch. 3-8
  - Ministry of Peter and the Apostles
    - Gospel taken to Samaria
- Ch. 9
  - Saul on the Damascus Road
- Ch. 10-12
  - Peter at Cornelius' house
- Ch. 13-14
  - Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Journey through Galatia
- Ch. 15
  - The Jerusalem Council
    - Should the Gentiles keep the law of Moses to become Christians?
- Ch. 16-18
  - Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey to Greece
- Ch. 19-20
  - Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey to Greece again
- Ch. 21-26
  - Paul arrested in Jerusalem and held at Caesarea
- Ch. 27-28
  - Paul's journey to Rome

## Chronology of Paul's Letters

- Galatians; after 1<sup>st</sup> journey from Antioch to the churches in Galatia
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians; on 2<sup>nd</sup> journey from Corinth to the church at Thessalonica
- 1 Corinthians; on 3<sup>rd</sup> journey from Ephesus to the church at Corinth
- 2 Corinthians; on 3<sup>rd</sup> journey en route to Corinth to the church at Corinth
- Romans; on 3<sup>rd</sup> journey from Corinth to the church at Rome
- Ephesians; from prison (house arrest) in Rome to the church at Ephesus
- Philippians; from prison (house arrest) in Rome to the church at Philippi
- Colossians; from prison (house arrest) in Rome to the church at Colosse
- Philemon; from prison (house arrest) in Rome to a wealthy slave owner
- 1 Timothy; after 1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment from Philippi to Timothy in Ephesus
- Titus; after 1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment from Corinth to Titus in Crete
- 2 Timothy; from prison (dungeon) in Rome before execution to Timothy
- Hebrews?
  - Written by Paul, Luke, Silas, Apollos, Barnabbas, Pricilla

## The Death of the Apostles

- Each of the Apostles of Jesus died a martyr's death for their faith in Jesus except the Apostle John.
  - Stephen is the first member of the Christian church that was martyred (Acts 7).
  - James, the brother of John, was the first of the twelve Apostles that was martyred. He died by the sword of Herod Agrippa (Acts 12).
  - Thomas preached in India and was martyred there.
  - Simon Zelotes preached in Africa and Britain and ended up being crucified.
  - Bartholomew preached in India. He was beaten, crucified, and beheaded in Armenia.
  - Andrew, Peter's brother, preached in Ethiopia and was later crucified.
  - Matthew preached to those in Egypt and was killed with a spear.
  - James, the Lord's half brother, the pillar in the church in Jerusalem, was thrown off the top of the temple and survived the fall. Then someone hit him on the head and he died.
  - Peter was crucified upside down at his request saying he was not worthy to be crucified the same way as his Lord.
  - Paul was beheaded because it was unlawful to crucify a Roman citizen.
  - John was the only one of Jesus' twelve disciples who did not die a martyr's death.
    - John was exiled to the island of Patmos. It was there that John wrote the book of Revelation.
- The Christians were not just killed they were tortured. They were whipped, disemboweled, torn apart, and stoned. Plates of hot iron were laid on them; they were strangled, eaten by wild animals, hung, and tossed on the horns of bulls. After their deaths they were not given burials. Nevertheless, the church saw tremendous growth. The Blood of the Martyrs is the Seed of the Church.