

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 15:36 - 18:22



What do you think these pictures are about?

Do these statues look like gods?

Do you think anyone could believe that these statues are gods?

What should you tell someone who does think that these statues are gods?



The Story

“Hear about The Resurrection!
Jesus of Nazareth is our Savior from sin!
He Lives! He is stronger than death!”

These are the words of the missionary Paul. After Jesus ascended to His Father in heaven, Paul traveled all over the world to tell people about Jesus. The Lord Jesus gave Paul great strength and courage. Paul says in the Bible that, “I live; and yet it is not I. It is Christ who is living in me.” Paul was full of love for God. Three times Paul took long trips to teach about Jesus. This story is about Paul’s second trip.

When Paul traveled he never stayed in motels. He walked on Roman roads from town to town. The believers would see him coming and would run out and invite him to stay in their homes. He would stay in a town for a long time, preaching about Jesus and making tents to earn money for his

food. He had many towns to visit, because he had started many churches in his first missionary journey. And the believers always felt stronger and better after a visit from Paul.

Sometimes Paul would sail across the sea to faraway lands. And sometimes the people in those lands did not like what he said. If they had many gods of silver, and gods of gold, he would tell them that there was a true God. He would describe how the true God made all people and all animals and plants. He would tell them how wonderfully God made everything. His most important message was that this God Jesus died to take away all sins in the world.

On one of his sailing trips to Greece, he came to this city, called Athens.

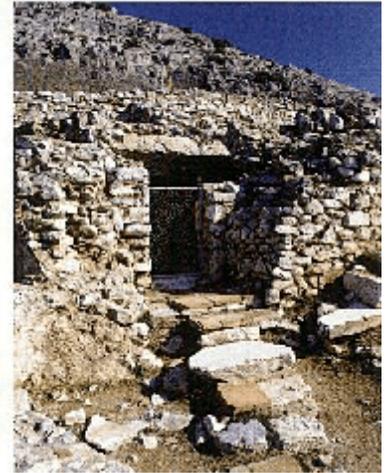


This city was full of false gods. The beautiful buildings were full of idols like those pictures on the first page of our lesson.

Paul walked to the middle of the city and preached a great sermon. Paul said he would tell them about a God that the people of Athens did not know. He told the people that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God who died on a cross and was raised to life again on Easter morning. He told the people to be sorry for their sins.

Some of the people in the towns where Jesus preached believed in Jesus and were baptized. But sometimes the people got angry when Paul told them about Jesus. They wanted to wait for an important man to be their savior. Sometimes they did not want to believe

that Jesus could come out of the grave. They took Paul and put him in a prison like this one. Sometimes the people even tried to kill Paul for talking about Jesus.



But Paul never stopped preaching! God talked to Paul when Paul got tired. God told him never to be afraid. God told Paul that He had many believers who would be Paul's friends. Many thousands of people who heard Paul preach about Jesus became believers just like you and I.

Activity One

- ! Circle the tall statue of the idol named Athena on the first page and in the picture of Athens on the second page.
- ! What does our lesson call this kind of god?
- ! What does the First Commandment say about having other gods?

Activity Two

- ! On the picture of Athens, draw a picture of Paul giving his sermon. Write, "Jesus Lives!" next to your picture of Paul
- ! Who helped Paul when he was tired and afraid?

- ! Make up a prayer that asks God for strength and courage to spread His Word, the Gospel of what Jesus did for all people

- ! Your pastor is a missionary. What jobs does he do that are like Paul's job? How can you be a missionary like Paul?

Activity Three

Color the two pieces on pages 5 and 6. Then carefully cut them out. Your teacher will help you put the pieces together correctly. The directions are in the Teacher's Notes for this lesson. You can use these pieces to tell other people about what Jesus did for all the people in the world. Practice on your friends and family.

Passages

If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know th truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32

"The Lord knows those who are His." 2 Timothy 2:19

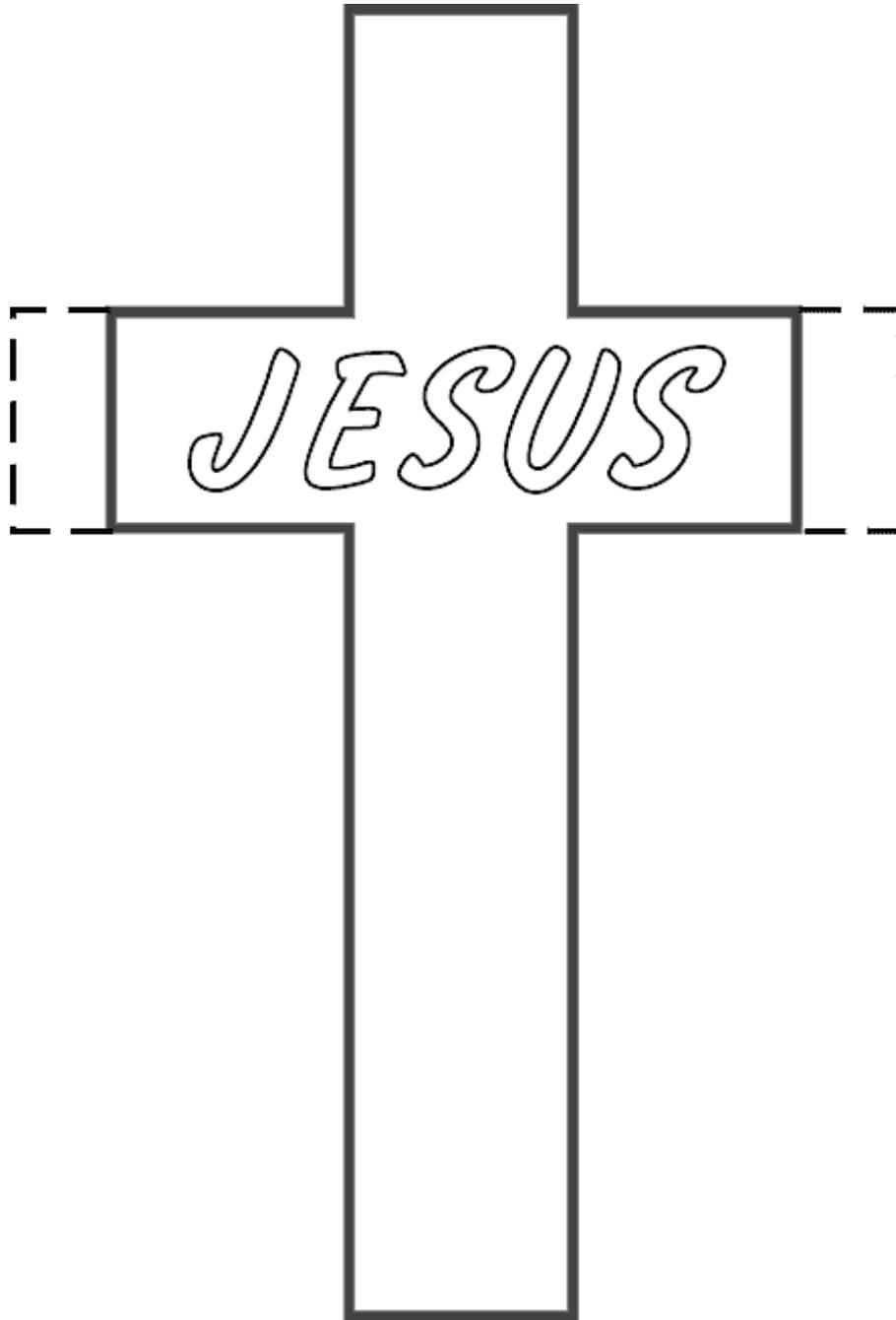
"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #507 v. 4

Spread, oh spread thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n. Amen.



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