

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Last week, we transitioned from Paul's 2nd missionary journey to his third journey. On that trip, he promised those in Ephesus that he would return.
- \* On his first stop in Ephesus, Paul was received well and people begged him to stay. However, wherever the gospel is proclaimed continuously, there will eventually be opposition. That is what discuss today ... the opposition to the Gospel in Ephesus.
- \* The City of Ephesus was the largest city and, commercially, the most prosperous city in the province of Asia. It was easily accessed from sea by Athens, Corinth and Rome, and was the gateway to inland trade routes, making travel easy to any point. Due to silting, the main harbor is now about 10 kms to the west! Pilgrims came from around the world to Ephesus – home of the temple of Artemis (Diana - Roman), one of the seven wonders of the world.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE M\_\_\_\_\_ ... OF PAUL (v. 8-12)****A. He Spoke Boldly For Three Months In The Synagogue (v. 8-9)**

... Re: THE WAY ... (v. 9, 23; cf. Luke 20:21; John 14:4-6)

**B. He Separated the Believers (v. 9; cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 Tim 6:5; 2 Tim 3:5)****C. He Taught At The School of Tyrannus For Two Years (v. 9-10)****D. He Was Used By God To Perform Unusual Miracles (v. 11-12)**

1. THE NATURE OF THE MIRACLES (cf. Mark 5:25-34)
2. THE OBJECTS OF THE MIRACLES

**II. THE E\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-20)****A. The Ex\_\_\_\_\_ of Itinerant Exorcists****B. The Ex\_\_\_\_\_ of the Seven Sons of Sceva**

1. THE GREAT T\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SONS
  - a. They Were Over-R\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Mark 10:42; 1 Peter 5:2-3 ... cf. Matthew 28:18; 1 John 4:4)
  - b. They Were Over-P\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 17:14-21)
2. THE GREAT A\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CITY
  - a. The E\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The E\_\_\_\_\_
3. THE GREAT I\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORD (v. 20)

**III. THE U\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-34)****A. The C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-25)****B. The C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26-27)****C. The C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28-34)****D. The C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 35-41)**

1. HIS DE\_\_\_\_\_ REGARDING DIANA (v. 35-36)
2. HIS DE\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE MOB (v. 37)
3. HIS DE\_\_\_\_\_ CONCERNING DEMETRIUS (v. 38-40)
4. HIS DI\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE ASSEMBLY (v. 41)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* Was there a noticeable change in your life when you believed on Jesus?
- \* Are there habits, books, music, movies, etc ... that need to be confessed and destroyed in your devotion to God?
- \* How committed to the study of God's Word are you?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* In what ways, do we as contemporary believers need to confess our sins and seek to be consecrated further to the Lord?