

Questions on Acts chapter 19

1. What promise to the Ephesians did Paul keep? Why ask if they had received the Holy Spirit? Verses 1-2.

2. What was defective about the baptism of the Ephesians? Verses 3-4.

3. When did the Ephesians receive the Holy Spirit and what evidence do we have of it? Verses 5-6.

4. Were the Jews sincere in asking Paul “to tarry longer time with them” on his first visit to Ephesus? Verses 7-8. (See Acts 18:19-20)

5. What happened at Ephesus that occurred at other places Paul preached? How effective was his preaching? Verses 9-10.

6. What “special” or unusual miracles occurred at Ephesus? In what way were the handkerchiefs and aprons of Paul like the hem of Jesus’ garment or the shadow of Peter? Verses 11-12.

7. How did gaining healing from Paul's garments lead to the idea that the power of Jesus was unlimited? Verses 13-14.

8. At what point did surprise turn to fright for the vagabond Jews? Verses 15-16.

9. What happened when laughter over the incident turned to reverence for the Lord? Verses 17-18.

10. Since Ephesus has been represented as "the chief center of magic arts in the whole Roman Empire," how do we know a great change or repentance was made? Verses 19-20.

11. What three places did Paul want to visit after leaving Ephesus? What place did he ultimately plan to visit? Verse 21.

12. What two people were sent to Macedonia? Why didn't Paul leave immediately to go where he had planned? Verse 22. (See 1 Corinthians 16:8-9)

13. Who was Demetrius and what did he have to do with Diana? Verses 23-24.

14. What was Demetrius' first concern? What was his second concern? Verses 25-26.

15. What caused the craftsmen and people of Ephesus to be so angry with Paul? Verses 27-28.

16. In what structure did the crowd gather? Why did they seize Gaius and Aristarchus? Why did Paul want to enter? Why didn't he enter? Verses 29-30.

17. Who were these men who persuaded Paul not to enter? Why was the assembly confused? Verses 31-32.

18. How was the attempt by Alexander to defend the Jews frustrated? Verses 33-34.

19. How did the town clerk know it was an appropriate time to speak? Verse 35.

20. How did the town clerk handle the issue of religious pride? Verse 36.

21. Of what two things were Gaius and Aristarchus not guilty, according to the town clerk? Verse 37.

22. What was the solution for the grievances of Demetrius and the craftsmen? Verse 38.

23. How should other matters be determined? Why would it have been a serious matter if Roman authorities had accused them of riot? Verses 39-40.

Thought Question:

24. Who dismissed the assembly? Why the change of pronouns (from “we” to “he”)?