

Ephesus Apostle Receives Opposition and Approval (Acts 19:11-41)
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Introduction

The City of Ephesus

First visit to Ephesus (Acts 18:19ff)

Mid-September A.D. 52

Second visit to Ephesus (Acts 19:1–20:1)

Sept 1, A.D. 53–early May 56

Twenty Questions with the disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19:1-7)

Did you receive HS **WHEN** you believed (= did you believe before/after Acts 10?) (19:2a)

Did not know the HS was [given] (= did you believe before or after Acts 2?) (19:2b)

Cf. wording of John 7:39.

Into what were you baptized (= did you believe before or after Luke 3:21?) (19:3a)

We were baptized into John's baptism (= they believed before Luke 3:21?) (19:3b)

They were baptized, hands were laid upon them, they received the HS (19:4-7)

Ministry at the synagogue (3 months) and at the school of Tyrannus (etc.) (19:8-10)

Miracles through Paul, the sons of Sceva, and the burning of scrolls (19:11-19)

Summary statement (19:20)

Riot at the theater of Ephesus (Acts 19:21ff) early May A.D. 56

The city clerk quiets things down (Acts 19:35ff) early May A.D. 56
Paul left Ephesus

Postscript:

Met the Ephesian elders at Miletus (Acts 20:16-38) May 1-3, A.D. 57

Paul wrote Ephesians A.D. 61

John wrote Revelation, including the short exhortation to the Ephesian elder (Rev 2:1-7)

Conclusion