

**Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program
Acts of the Apostle #7:
Paul's 2nd & 3rd Mission**

ICSB: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
NJBC: New Jerome Biblical Commentary
SBDC: Studium Biblicum Devotional
Commentary
SBCB: Studium Biblicum Chinese Bible
CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church
JR: J. Ratzinger: Pilgrim Fellowship of Faith

A	<u>Introduction of Related Scripture Passages</u>	Acts 17-19
B	<u>In Thessalonica</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capital of Macedonia (Northern Greece), a Roman province. Paul wrote first and second letters to the Thessalonians. Why “another king”? 	Acts 17:1-19 ICSB, SBCB Acts 17:7, ICSB
C	<u>In Beroea</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “ ... examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so.” = Sola Scriptura? Going by Scripture; but not ONLY Scripture. 	Acts 17:11, ICSB 1Tim 3:26, 3The1 2:15, 1Tim 3:15
D	<u>In Athens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The true God is not an “unknown God”, He is the “Word”. He reveals Himself out of love so that we may come to know Him and by knowing Him, we may unite with Him. “From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth” – How to interpret A&E story? The teaching about resurrection is being mocked – Why must we believe in the resurrection of the body? What important clues are revealed through Jesus’ transfiguration? 	Acts 17:23, Jn 1:1-14, JR p 286 Acts 17:26 Acts 17:32, CCC 996-1000, JP11 Theology of the Body: Eschatological Man Mt 17:1-8, Ex 33:12ff, Num 19:8-18
E	<u>Returning to XX from Corinth and Jerusalem</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corinth is the capital of Achaia, or Southern Greece, one of the Roman provinces. The Corinthians were infamous for their lack of business ethics and sexual promiscuity. Paul had written 2 letters to them on these matters, but both were lost since then. “Do not be afraid ... for I am with you” – God’s call and commissioning often exceed human strength and imagination; in Scripture, God often comforts those whom He called. Paul was falsely accused of “ “ – false accusations = suffering for God 	Acts 18:1-22 ICSB Acts. 18:9-10, ICSB, Gen 26:24, Jer 1:8 JP11, <u>Crossing the Threshold of Hope</u> Acts. 18:13, ICSB Col 1:24
F	<u>Paul’s 3rd Mission</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. The consequences of using God’s name inappropriately. 	Acts 18:23-19:40 Acts 19:1-7, 8-14, Eph 4:5 Acts 19:13-36, CCC 434, 436

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<p>G</p>	<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>In this session, you have learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to counteract the teaching of “Sola Scriptura”. • The God whom we believe is not derived from the human intelligence of philosophers; a God who is far away from humanity. But God has revealed Himself to humanity through His infinite love so that we may unit with Him. • The Church’s position on whether the origin of humanity is Adam. • After resurrection, each individual possesses a spiritual body in which the body and soul are one. Each person’s individuality still remains intact: each person will become a new creation through the indwelling life of the Holy Trinity. As written in Revelation, “Look, I have renewed everything” (Rev. 21:5). • When we are sent by God to fulfill something that is extremely difficult and seems to be beyond human strength, do not be afraid, because God is with us. Both Paul, prophet and saint, and JP II are our perfect role models. 	<p>C D1 D2 D3</p>
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