

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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SESSION 82:

**Reconstruction of Ministry
Subsequent Arrest and Execution**

What the study is about tonight:

8.1.5 Release from imprisonment and resumption of ministry

8.1.5.3 Reconstruction of Ministry

8.1.6 Subsequent Arrest and Execution



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Unit II: Paul the Missionary

Chapter 8: Release and Resumption

8.1.5 Release from imprisonment

8.1.5.3 Reconstruction of ministry

8.1.6 Subsequent Arrest and Execution

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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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- **Session Eighty-two**
 - Taken from chapter eight of the book
 - Emphasis on ministry after Rome
- **Learning Goals:**
 - 1. Learning about doing missions from the scripture text
 - 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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8.1.5 Ministry after Rome

8.1.5.3 Reconstruction of Ministry

8.1.6 Subsequent Arrest and Execution

8.1.6.1 Evaluating the sources for Paul's execution

8.1.6.2 Snapshot Glimpses of the last days

8.1.6.3 Reconstructing the end of Paul's life



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8.1.5 Ministry after Rome

8.1.5.3 Reconstruction of Ministry

- 1) Data confirms that Paul was released from first Roman imprisonment
- 2) Problems with constructing a picture of ministry activity
- 3) The big uncertainty is whether Paul traveled to Spain or not
- 4) Some of the church fathers assert such a trip but others do not.
- 5) Primary source for information comes from NT apocrypha sources
- 6) The Actus Vercellenes section in the Acts of Peter is the main source
- 7) Spanish traditions of Paul being in Spain are very limited
- 8) My conclusion from assessing the data is that most likely Paul did not go to Spain.

Otto F.A. Meinardus, "Paul's Missionary Journey to Spain," *The Biblical Archaeologist* (41, no. 2, June 1978), pp. 61-63



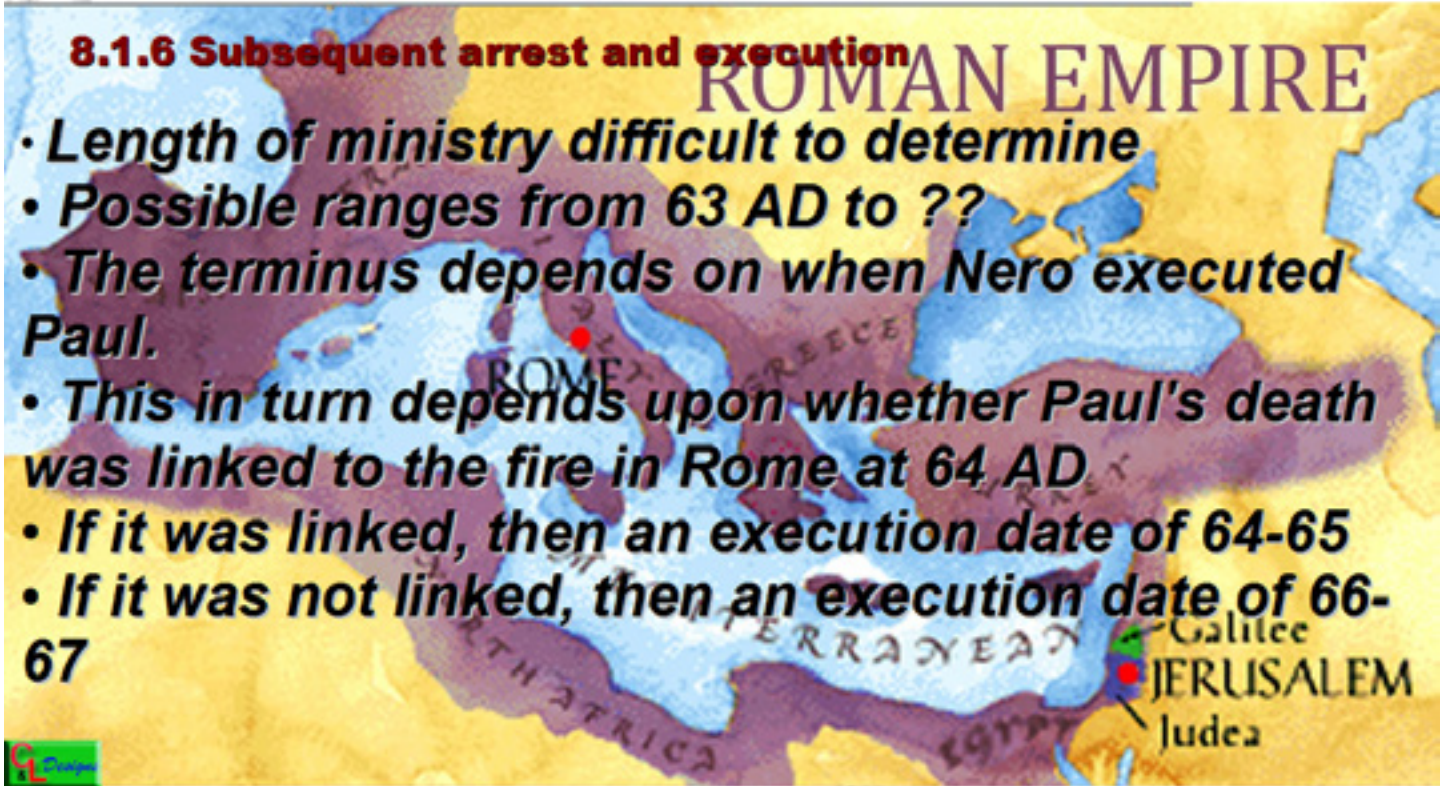
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8.1.5 Ministry after Rome

8.1.6 Subsequent arrest and execution

- Length of ministry difficult to determine
- Possible ranges from 63 AD to ??
- The terminus depends on when Nero executed Paul.
- This in turn depends upon whether Paul's death was linked to the fire in Rome at 64 AD
- If it was linked, then an execution date of 64-65
- If it was not linked, then an execution date of 66-67



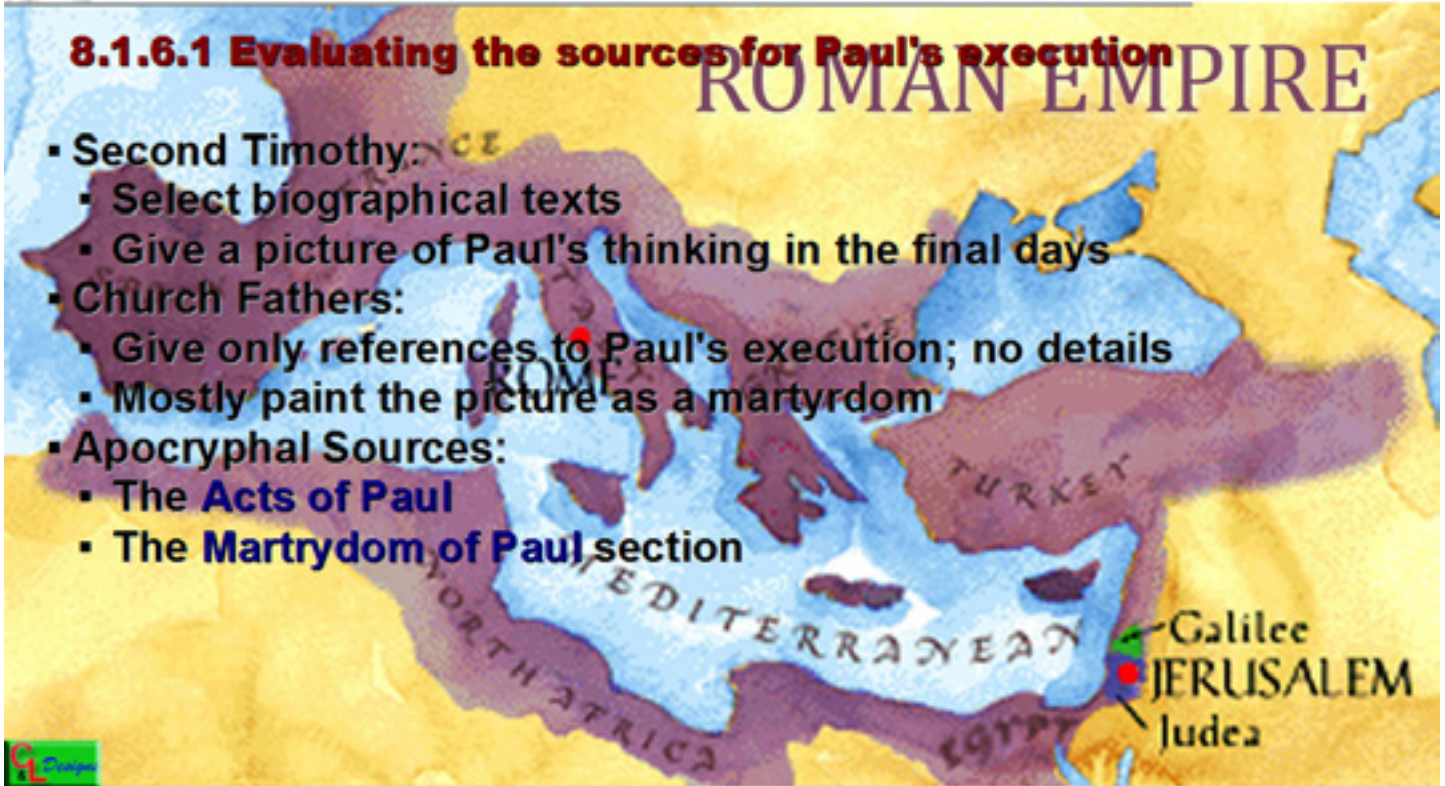
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8.1.6 Subsequent arrest and execution

8.1.6.1 Evaluating the sources for Paul's execution

- Second Timothy:
 - Select biographical texts
 - Give a picture of Paul's thinking in the final days
- Church Fathers:
 - Give only references to Paul's execution; no details
 - Mostly paint the picture as a martyrdom
- Apocryphal Sources:
 - The **Acts of Paul**
 - The **Martyrdom of Paul** section



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- **What can we learn from Paul's experience of death?**
 - ✓ 1. Second Timothy helps us understand Paul's thinking in the final days before execution
 - ✓ 2. The Church Fathers affirm his execution, and some see it as a martyrdom
 - ✓ 3. The Martyrdom of Paul in the Acts of Paul contain a legendary account of his death

APPLICATION

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- **NEXT Session:**

- **8.1.6 Subsequent Arrest and Execution**

- **8.1.6.2 Snapshot glimpses into Paul's final days, part 1**



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Thank You for Coming!
Gracias por venir esta noche!
Until Next Week!
Hasta la próxima semana!
Have a safe trip home!
Tener un viaje seguro a casa!



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