

Church – The Beginnings, Part 48
The Gospel is Planted in Thessalonica
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After planting a church in Philippi, with much difficulty and suffering, Paul's team travels to Thessalonica. **Philip of Macedon** was the namesake of the City of Philippi. Philip was the father of **Alexander the Great**. Alexander's half-sister was **Thessalonike** - same dad, different moms. There's a **connection** between **Philippi** and **Thessalonica** - two principal cities in the Roman Province of **Macedonia**. **Planting Churches in Principal Cities was Paul's strategy**. That way, those churches could, later, **evangelize the whole surrounding region**, around those Principal Cities. Thessalonica was quite literally at the **cross roads** of two major trading routes and it had a **major shipping harbor**, as well. Thus, just like Philippi, it was a **Principal Roman City** and was at the cross roads of major trade routes, as well. **This was a God-led Gospel Spreading Strategy**.

(links for further study → <https://www.bibleplaces.com/thessalonica/>

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/thessalonica.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thessaloniki>)

1. What is the connection between Philippi and Thessalonica?
→ Historically, Economically, and Geographically?
2. What Strategy was Paul employing by going to the Big Cities, like Philippi and Thessalonica?
3. What did NOT occur when Paul preached in the Synagogue in Thessalonica?
4. About how long did Paul and his missionary team spend in Thessalonica?
5. When Paul was "REASONING" in the Synagogue – what was his aim?
What was he using as his basis for "REASONING"?

Why did the Context of the Synagogue and those hearing him, matter, regarding what he was using as the basis for his "REASONING"

6. What does the phrase "JOINED Paul and Silas" mean?

Who "Joined" Paul and Silas?

7. What can happen when folks are NOT Persuaded to follow Jesus Christ after hearing the Gospel? Why is this predictable (see Matt. 5:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:12)? Should this stop us from sharing the Gospel or should the threat of it shut us up (Acts 5:29)?
8. What was the **motivation** for the city-wide mob violence against Jason and the church?
Who started this mob violence?
9. The Greatest, Lasting Example of the Thessalonian church is _ ? (see 1 Thess. 1:6-10)