

MISSIONS

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Let's summarize the MISSIONS era:

Jesus' followers traveled around the Roman empire. Wherever they went, they told people about Jesus. New local churches with people from diverse backgrounds were formed and began to grow. Christians were thrown in prison, beaten, and even killed because of their faith. Despite increased persecution, the gospel continued to spread to the whole world.

Where is it found?

Acts 13-28
Romans – Jude

Names to know:

Paul
Barnabas
Silas
Timothy
Luke

What are the major stories?

(Acts 15) The leaders of the early church, including Paul, Barnabas, and Peter, met in Jerusalem. They confirmed that anyone is welcomed into the church, God's family, when they believe and follow Jesus.

(Acts 16) Paul and Silas were arrested in Philippi. They worshiped God even in jail. After God sent an earthquake to release their chains, they shared the gospel with the jailer, and his whole family believed.

(Acts 27-28) Paul traveled to Jerusalem where he was arrested and put on trial. He appealed to Caesar so was sent to Rome by boat. There was a terrible shipwreck, but God protected everyone onboard.

(Romans – Jude) Church leaders, inspired by the Spirit, wrote letters to local churches and individuals. God used these letters to correct false teaching and remind people of His truth. The letters also taught people how to love God and love others through the way they lived.

How does the MISSIONS era point to Jesus?

The mission Jesus had given His disciples to take the gospel to the ends of the earth was being fulfilled. Jesus' followers traveled on Roman roads and wrote letters in Greek to share God's truth, both of which God made possible through His work in the Silence Era. They wanted as many people as possible to hear how Jesus, God Himself, had come to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and came back to life. Anyone who has faith in Him will be saved. We are still in the Missions Era today. God invites us to join Him in telling everyone how the Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.