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CLASS #3—LEARNING FROM CHRIST & THE FIRST CENTURY ECCLESIAS

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM CHRIST AND THE INITIATION OF CHRIST'S ECCLESIAS

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CLASS OUTLINE: LEARNING FROM CHRIST & THE FIRST CENTURY ECCLESIAS

- The Synagogue at Nazareth
- Based on the Synagogue Model
- The Formation of Christ's Ecclesia
- The Apostle Paul: The Master Builder
- Some Final Comments



Prayer papers in the
Western Wall

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The Synagogue at Nazareth

The First-Century Synagogue: A Blueprint for Faith and Community

An overview of historical origins, structural requirements, and leadership roles in the 1st-century life of Jesus.

FOUNDATIONS AND PHYSICAL STRUCTURE

Born of Necessity in Exile



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Synagogues likely originated during the Babylonian captivity to maintain common worship without the Temple.

The "Rule of Ten" (Batlanim)



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A community required ten men of leisure to build a synagogue and enforce taxation.



Oriented Toward Jerusalem
Buildings were constructed so that prayer was directed toward the Temple in Jerusalem.

LEADERSHIP AND ORDER OF SERVICE

The Chazzan and the Ruler



Chazzan (Minister)
Administration, schoolmastering.
The Chazzan managed administration, while the Ruler determined who would read or preach.

Ruler
Determined who would read or preach.

The Liturgical Flow





Opening Prayers Pentateuch Readings Sections from the Prophets

Services moved from opening prayers to Pentateuch readings, ending with sections from the Prophets.



Jesus as the Sheliach Tsibbur
In Luke 4, Jesus acted as the "messenger of the community" to read and preach.

Role	Primary Responsibility & Qualifications
Chief Ruler	Oversight of worship & speakers. Humility, gentleness, lack of pride.
Chazzan	Administration & schoolmastering. Scriptural knowledge, correct pronunciation.
Sheliach Tsibbur	Conducting devotions & prayers. Selected by the ruler for specific services.

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (1/15)

Luk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luk 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luk 4:20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luk 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luk 4:22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (2/15)

Luk 4:23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

Luk 4:24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

Luk 4:25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

Luk 4:26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

Luk 4:27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

Luk 4:28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

Luk 4:29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

Luk 4:30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (3/15)

- In Luke 4 we find Jesus' first recorded Sabbath visit to his local Synagogue
 - No doubt where he would have gone many times as a Child, a Youth, and as a Man
- Probably never sitting among the elders & the honored, but sitting in the back
 - No doubt, well-known faces were around him
 - Now he was again with them, but perhaps somewhat of a stranger among his own countrymen
 - This time, to be looked at, listened to, tested, tried, used or cast aside, as the case might be
- Many have argued that the Synagogue became the cradle of Christ's ecclesia during the 1st century
 - Without it, the spread of Good News of the Kingdom of God would have been difficult

The Synagogue—A model for Christ's Ecclesia.

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (4/15)

- That Synagogues originated during or in consequence of the Babylonish captivity is admitted by all
- It is interesting to note, the Old Testament contains no allusion to their existence
 - Perhaps this is because the children of Israel was the ecclesia
 - It is rather easy to understand how during the long years of exile in Babylon, places & opportunities for common worship on the Sabbath & feast-days must have felt necessary
- After the return to the Promised Land, and still more by the dispersed abroad, such meeting-houses became a way to keep the children of Israel together
- Many historians believe that prayers & addresses became part of the Synagogue's normal routine

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (5/15)

- Over the centuries, the structure of the service gradually evolved
 - First on Sabbaths & feast days, then on ordinary days, at the same hours as, to correspond with worship at the Temple
- Services on Mondays & Thursdays became special
 - The services on those days were of a somewhat more elaborate character
 - Monday & Thursday were called the days of congregation or 'Synagogue' (Yom ha-Kenisah)



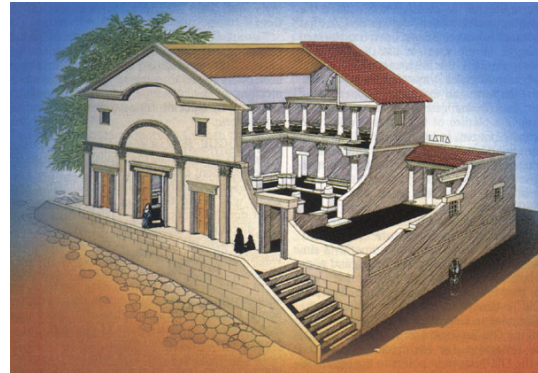
Jesus reading from the Word,
Unknown

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (6/15)

- Some historians note how rapidly & generally the institution of Synagogues spread among the Jews of the Diaspora in all lands, and what important purposes they served
 - In Judea they were scattered over the entire country
- According to records, in Jerusalem, and probably in some other large cities, there were not only several synagogues, but many were arranged according to nationalities, and even crafts



Typical synagogue of the first century AD

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (7/15)

- According to a Rabbinic ordinance, a Jewish community in a place, if numbering ten heads of families, was obliged to build a Synagogue, and could enforce local taxation for that purpose
- In general, a community would build its own Synagogue, or depend on the charitable assistance of neighbors, or on private charity
 - If this failed, they might meet for worship in a private dwelling, a sort of Synagogue in the house
- In early times the institution was much simpler

What is the appropriate number of members for a new ecclesia to be set up?

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (8/15)

- There were two rules observed, which seem to have been enforced from early times
 - A Synagogue should not be erected in a place, unless it contained ten Batlanim, or men of leisure, who could devote their time to the Synagogue worship & administration
 - The direction in which Synagogues were to be built
 - The prevailing direction in the Holy Land was towards the Temple in Jerusalem
- Scholars note, a Synagogue is not to be made a thoroughfare, and one must not misbehave
 - The congregation is not to joke, laugh, eat, talk, dress, nor resort there for shelter from sun or rain
 - Only Rabbis and their disciples were allowed eat, drink, perhaps even sleep there
 - In general, the Synagogue is to be regarded as consecrated to God

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (9/15)

- The lowest role is a Chazzan, or Cantor, who often acts also as schoolmaster
 - Because the conduct of the services may frequently fall upon him, great care is taken in his selection
 - Characteristics included:
 - Irreproachable, but, if possible, his family also
 - Humility, modesty, knowledge of the Scriptures
 - Distinctness and correctness in pronunciation
 - Simplicity and neatness in dress
 - Absence of self-assertion

Sounds familiar?

"The Chazzan,"
Unknown



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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (10/15)

- All the rulers of the Synagogue were examined as to their knowledge & ordained to the office
 - They formed the local Sanhedrin or tribunal
 - Their election depended on the choice of the congregation; and absence of pride, as also gentleness and humility are mentioned as special qualifications
 - Sometimes the office was held by regular teachers
- In foreign Synagogues, the rulers seem to have been chosen, sometimes for a specified period, at others for life



The ruler of the synagogue,
Unknown

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (11/15)

- Chief ruler of the Synagogue, was the first among his equals, but there should be no doubt, the rule of the Synagogue fell upon him
- He would in each case determine...
 - Who were to be called up to read from the Law and the Prophets
 - Who was to conduct the prayers
 - Who would act as Sheliach Tsibbur, or messenger of the congregation
 - Who, if any, was to deliver an address

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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (12/15)

- The Sheliach Tsibbur, or delegate of the congregation, officiates during the service
 - They conducted the devotions—the Interpreter or Methurgeman, and those who were called on to read in the Law & the Prophets, or else to preach

All things decently and in order.

Jesus Teaching in the Synagogue,
Jacques Tissot



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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (13/15)

- Now back to Luke 4,
- On Jesus' entrance into the Synagogue, or perhaps before that, the chief ruler would request him to act for that Sabbath as the Sheliach Tsibbur (or "messenger of the community")
- According to some historians, the person who read in the Synagogue the portion from the Prophets, was also expected to conduct a devotion

Best Seats in the Synagogue,
Providence Collection



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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (14/15)

- If this rule was enforced at that time, then Jesus would ascend the Bimah (i.e., the raised platform), and standing at the lectern, begin the service by two prayers
 - In their most ancient form were as follows:
- After this followed the reading of three passages from the Pentateuch, focused on:
 - The yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven
 - The yoke of the commandments
 - The yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven
- Other prayers would follow

Jesus teaches in the Synagogue,
Providence Collection



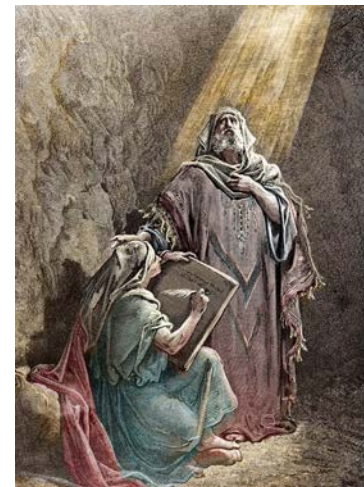
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THE SYNAGOGUE AT NAZARETH (15/15)

- Having this part complete, one of the most important, and primary object of the Synagogue service, began
 - The Cantor approached the Ark & brought out a scroll of the Law
 - It was taken from its case & unwound from those cloths which held it
- 1st reading from the Law then from the Prophets
 - The origin of this practice is not known
 - The reading of the section from the Prophets was, in olden times, immediately followed by an address, discourse, or sermon
 - That is, where a Rabbi capable of giving such instruction, or a distinguished stranger, presents

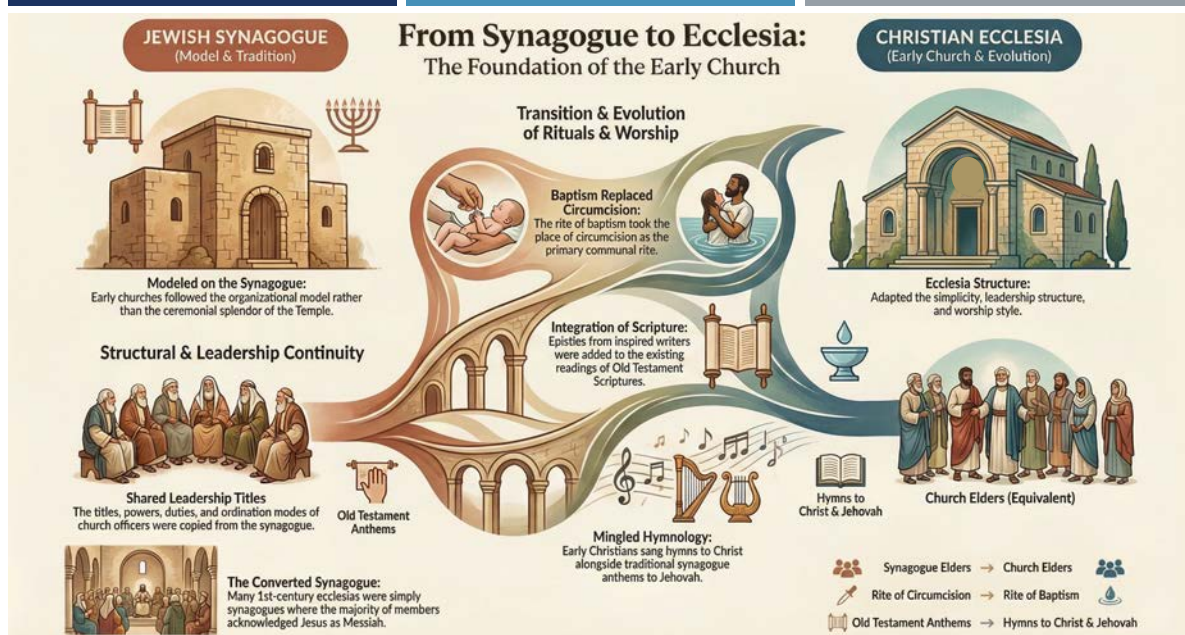
The prophet Jeremiah dictating
his prophecies to Baruch,
Gustave Dore



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Based on the Synagogue Model



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BASED ON THE SYNAGOGUE MODEL (1/4)

- The well-known Presbyterian theologian, Samuel Miller (1769-1850) wrote that the Christian Church was modeled after the Jewish Synagogue rather than the Jewish Temple
 - This is consistent with the short study we completed the other day
- Miller wrote,
 - "...I have given you a very brief sketch of the evidence that Christian Churches were organized by the Apostles, after the model of the Jewish Synagogues. I have shown that the mode of worship adopted in the Church, the titles of her officers, their powers, duties, and mode of ordination, were all copied from the Synagogue."

I don't think I need to say more.

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BASED ON THE SYNAGOGUE MODEL (2/4)

- Reading from scripture, we can tell that the early ecclesias departed from the ceremonial splendor of the Temple & followed the simplicity of the Synagogue
 - In fact, there is ample proof that the similarity between the 1st Century ecclesias & the Jewish Synagogues was so great, that they were often considered and persecuted by Pagans as if they were the same
- Additionally, countless authors, over the centuries, have easily concluded "...that the form of government, and of the ministry in the Synagogue was transferred to the [early] Christian Church."

1st Century Ecclesias very similar to Jewish Synagogues.

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BASED ON THE SYNAGOGUE MODEL (3/4)

- After the day of Pentecost, there were many of these Jewish congregations, in which great numbers were converted to Christianity, so that the congregation was, in faith, followers of our Lord Jesus
 - In these cases, the synagogue became the structure of the 1st Century Ecclesia
 - The Elders of the synagogue became Elders of the Christian ecclesia
 - The rite of Baptism took the place of the rite of Circumcision
 - Hymns to Christ most likely mingled with the old synagogue anthems to Jehovah
 - The epistles of inspired writers were read along with the Old Testament Scriptures
 - A transition as natural as it was impressive, many Jewish Synagogues became congregations devoted to God and His son, with all its essential features unchanged

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BASED ON THE SYNAGOGUE MODEL (4/4)

- "...it is likely that several of the earliest Christian churches did originate in this way; that is, that they were converted synagogues, which became Christian churches as soon as the members, or the main part of the members, acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah."
- "...when they founded a church in any of those cities in which (and such were probably a very large majority,) there was no Jewish synagogue that received the gospel, it is likely that they would conform, in a great measure, to the same model."

Some 1st Century Ecclesias were converted synagogues.

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Samuel Miller and T.D. Witherspoon

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The Formation of Christ's Ecclesia

The Formation & Presence of Christ's Ecclesia

THE FOUNDATION OF THE ECCLESIA



ACTIVE & ONGOING PARTICIPATION



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THE FORMATION OF CHRIST'S ECCLESIA (1/3)

- When we take a closer look at Matt. 16:18, the involvement of the Lord Jesus in building his ecclesia becomes clearer...
 - "... thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
- The emphasis is that he would personally have a hand in building his ecclesia
 - The starting point would be his own death & resurrection
- The ecclesia comes to symbolize the body of Jesus
 - Paul writes of this in 1 Cor 12:12-14
 - Also, Eph 1:22 & 23

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THE FORMATION OF CHRIST'S ECCLESIA (2/3)

- Upon Christ's death & resurrection, his ecclesia began to grow significantly
 - As stated in Acts 2:42-47
 - And Acts 5:14
- Christ's continued participation in the formation of his ecclesia, some examples...
 - He appears to Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-6)
 - Jesus instructs Annanias (Acts 9:10-12)
 - The Lord Jesus speaks to Paul (Acts 18:9 & 10)

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THE FORMATION OF CHRIST'S ECCLESIA (3/3)

- All the previous examples show that the promise of Jesus found in Matt. 28:20,
- And he still is...always with us...
 - Do we imagine him within our midst?

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



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Christ walks amongst the ecclesias

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The Apostle Paul: The Master Builder

Paul the Master Builder: A Blueprint for Global Expansion

The Three Missionary Phases

Phase 1: Laying the Foundation
Paul established indigenous leadership by appointing local elders immediately, ensuring churches were self-sustaining and not reliant on his presence.

Phase 2: European Expansion
Driven by the "Macedonian Call," Paul adapted his message for diverse audiences, from wealthy businesswomen in Philippi to philosophers in Athens.

Phase 3: Consolidation and Training
Paul spent three years in Ephesus, using it as a central base for intensive discipleship and training students to act as evangelistic delegates.

The Master Builder's Methodology



Collaborative Partnership

Paul never worked in isolation, consistently relying on a missionary team and communal endorsements from "Mother Churches" for legitimacy and support.



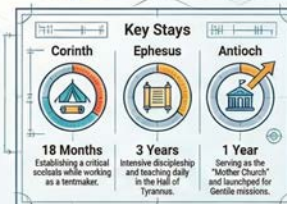
Deep Systematic Instruction

Moving beyond simple proclamation, Paul utilized "didactic" (deep teaching) during extended stays to ensure converts understood complex doctrine and ethics.



Relational Bridge-Building

The collection of financial relief for Jerusalem served as a tangible tool to unify Jewish and Gentile believers into a single body.



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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (1/11)

- Acts of the Apostles provides the definitive historical blueprint for the expansion of the early Christian movement
 - From a small Jewish sect in Jerusalem to a multi-ethnic religious force spanning the Roman Empire
- The Apostle Paul is central to this narrative, particularly from Acts chapter 9 onward
- As we know, Acts chronicles Paul's...
 - Systematic methods for evangelizing, planting, nurturing & supporting the blossoming community that recognized Christ as the messiah
 - Three major missionary journeys
 - Spiritual transformation



The Apostle Paul (w/the Sword of the Spirit),
Jacques des Rousseaux

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (2/11)

- As we are told, Paul spent time in Arabia & Damascus following his conversion
 - Immediately preaching in the synagogues, much to the astonishment of those who knew him
- His initial attempts to join the disciples in Jerusalem were met with suspicion, highlighting the distrust he had to overcome
 - It was **Barnabas**, the “Son of Encouragement,” who vouched for Paul, introducing him to the apostles and facilitating his acceptance into the Jerusalem community (Acts 9:27)
 - This act established an early pattern: Paul, though divinely called, consistently relied on **partnership and communal endorsement** for legitimacy & operational support



Paul & Barnabas in Lystra,
Johann Heiss

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (3/11)

- Paul's apprenticeship took root in **Antioch** (Syria), a crucial, cosmopolitan hub
 - After being recruited by Barnabas, Paul spent a year teaching and leading there
- Antioch became the **"Mother Church"** of the Gentile mission, the source of prayer, spiritual guidance, and financial resources that commissioned and underwrote the subsequent expansion efforts (Acts 11:26; 13:1-3)
- The initial famine relief visit to Jerusalem further solidified Paul's role as a **bridge-builder**, ensuring the new congregations maintained a tangible connection—including financial support—with the impoverished Jewish believers in the mother city (Acts 11:27-30)

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (4/11)

- The three major missionary journeys focused on planting & watering (Acts 13-21)
- Paul's systematic "church" formation began with his three extensive missionary journeys, each characterized by a strategic, repeated pattern of evangelism & organization

Paul's
Missionary
Journeys



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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (5/11)

- **The First Journey (Acts 13:1-14:28): Laying the Foundation**
 - **Partners & Commissioning:** Paul & Barnabas were formally sent out by the Antioch ecclesia
 - **Geographical Scope:** Cyprus and Southern Asia Minor (Galatia)
 - **Strategic Evangelism:** Paul's invariable starting point in each city was the **local synagogue**
 - This allowed him to address a receptive audience already familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures
 - Rejection by Jewish leadership in many cities became the impetus for **turning to the Gentiles** (e.g., Acts 13:46)
 - **Formation & Support:** Crucially, upon concluding their circuit, Paul & Barnabas **revisited** every city where they had planted an ecclesia
 - Their actions focused on **deepening spiritual roots**, which involved:
 - **Strengthening & encouraging** the disciples to remain faithful amidst persecution
 - **Appointing elders** in every ecclesia (Acts 14:23), establishing local, indigenous leadership immediately

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (6/11)

- **The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35): Defining the Terms of Fellowship**
 - Between the first & second journeys, a theological crisis arose:
 - Must Gentile converts be circumcised & adhere to the Mosaic Law?
 - This threatened to fracture the entire movement
 - Paul & Barnabas traveled to Jerusalem, where the **Jerusalem Council** affirmed Paul's ministry
 - The apostles & elders ruled that Gentile believers were saved by grace through faith, not by works of the Law
 - The requirements were limited to abstaining from practices offensive to Jewish believers (Acts 15:28-29)
 - This outcome was a massive victory for Paul's mission, formally **legitimizing his outreach to the Gentiles** and ensuring the freedom of the gospel from the constraints of Jewish legalism

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Christ's Ecclesia evolved & replaced the old ways.

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (7/11)

■ The Second Journey (Acts 15:36-18:22): Expansion to Europe

- **New Partnerships & Scope:** Paul partnered with **Silas**, and **Timothy** in Lystra & **Luke** in Troas
 - This journey saw Paul intentionally **strengthening the ecclesias** founded on the first trip
- **Founding European Ecclesia:** Key cities included:
 - **Philippi:** 1st ecclesia in Europe, with the conversion of **Lydia**, and the Roman jailer (Acts 16:14 & 15)
 - **Thessalonica & Berea:** Paul continued his practice of starting in the synagogue, encountering both success & violent opposition
 - **Athens:** Paul adapted his message, using the Athenians' **altar to an "unknown god"** as a bridge to proclaim the one true God (Acts 17:22 & 23)
 - **Corinth:** Paul spent 18 months here, the longest stay so far, working as a tentmaker alongside **Aquila & Priscilla**, showcasing his commitment to **self-sufficiency** (Acts 18:3)

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (8/11)

■ The Third Journey (Acts 18:23-21:17): Consolidation & Training

- **Focus on Ephesus:** Paul spent **three years** in Ephesus, making it the central base of his mission in Asia Minor
 - This long duration illustrates his commitment to **intensive discipleship & regional influence**
- **Mentorship & Training:** Paul invested heavily in training local leaders
 - The conversion of a dozen disciples of John the Baptist and his subsequent impartation of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-7) underscores his focus on **spiritual formation & empowerment**
 - The spread of the gospel "throughout all Asia" (Acts 19:10) emanated from this Ephesian base
- **Pastoral Concern & Farewell:** Paul's emotional farewell address to the **Ephesian elders** in Miletus (Acts 20:17-38) epitomizes his pastoral heart
 - He solemnly charged the local leaders to **"shepherd the church of God"** (Acts 20:28)
 - This public commitment to his disciples' long-term spiritual health served as his final, powerful act of *support* before his inevitable arrest

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (9/11)

■ Methods of Support & Ongoing Formation

- Paul's success in forming & sustaining ecclesias was due to a multi-faceted approach that went beyond the initial planting phase:
 - **Delegated Authority & Partnership:** Paul never worked alone
 - His use of a **missionary team** (Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Titus, Aquila, Priscilla) was crucial
 - These partners were left behind or sent back to new ecclesias (like Timothy in Ephesus) to provide **ongoing, proximal support & leadership training** in Paul's absence
 - This strategy multiplied his pastoral influence across vast distances
 - **Intensive Teaching & Discipleship:** Unlike many traveling philosophers, Paul stayed in key cities for extended periods (e.g., 1.5 years in Corinth and 3 years in Ephesus)
 - His method was not just proclamation (*kerygma*) but **deep, systematic instruction** (*didache*), ensuring the converts understood the correct doctrine & ethics (i.e., those based on Jesus' teaching)

Preach, Convert, Sustain...

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (10/11)

- Paul's success in forming & sustaining ecclesias... (con't)
 - **Financial & Relational Bridge-Building:** The collection of the **Jerusalem relief offering** on his 3rd journey was a critical act of support
 - It was not just charity; it was a visible means of demonstrating the **unity of the Jewish & Gentile ecclesias** (Acts 24:17)
 - This practical support solidified the theological truth that they were one body in Christ, preventing narrow-mindedness in the newly founded ecclesias
 - **Endurance of Opposition:** A ministry was consistently marked by **persecution, beatings & arrests**
 - Acts presents his unwavering persistence—even returning to cities that had stoned him—as a foundational model of support: **steadfastness in suffering**
 - This courage helped steel the new, fledgling congregations against their own inevitable trials
 - **Continued Care & Feeding:** Paul, even while imprisoned in Rome, wrote numerous letters to multiple ecclesias—instructing, guiding, building up & caring for

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THE APOSTLE PAUL: THE MASTER BUILDER (I I / I I)

- Acts portrays Paul as the **Master Builder** of the 1st Century ecclesias
- His method was strategic:
 - A direct call from Christ
 - Endorsement by the Jerusalem community
 - Empowerment by the Antioch ecclesia
 - Journeys targeting major urban centers
 - Deep theological instruction
 - The immediate installation of local elders
 - An unwavering commitment to partnership, unity & pastoral care

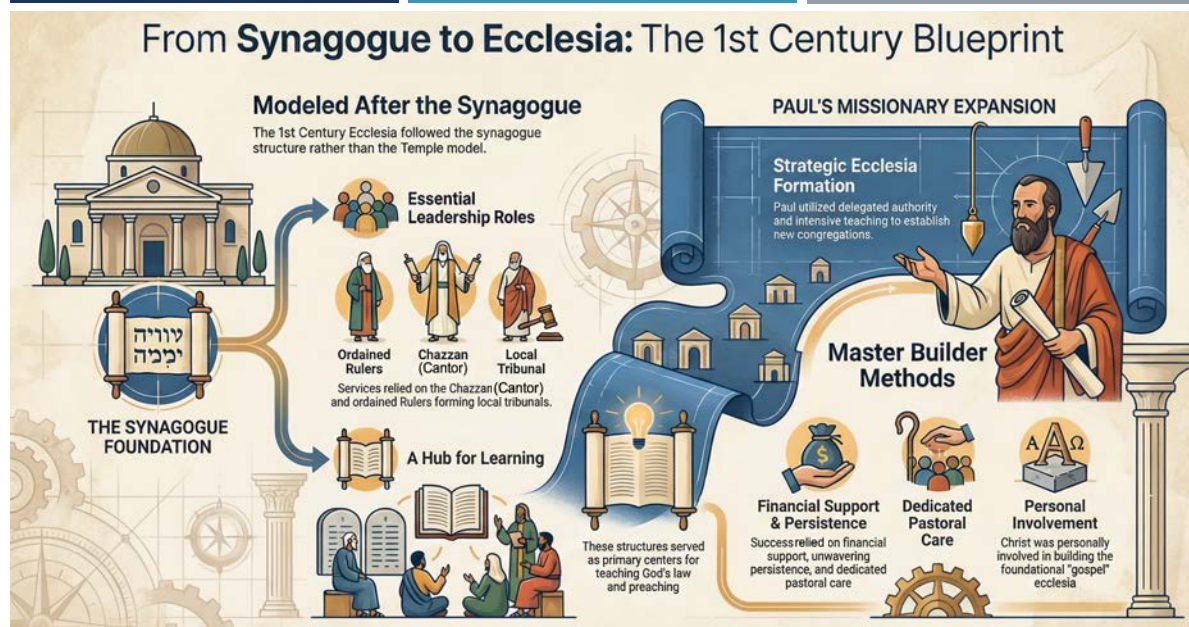


The Apostle Paul,
Unknown

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Some Final Comments



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Tomorrow: The Ecclesias of Christ through the Centuries

The Ecclesia: A Journey from Foundation to Future

FOUNDATIONS AND ANCIENT ROOTS



Establishing the Biblical Construct

Laying the groundwork for understanding the foundational nature of the Ecclesia.



The Wilderness and Promised Land

Examining the early Ecclesia during the journey of the Children of Israel.



Christ and the First Century

Insights gained from Christ's initiation of the original first-century Ecclesias.

CONTINUITY AND FUTURE REVIVAL



Persistence Through the Centuries

Proof that God's word and the Ecclesia have never died out.



Addressing Modern Spiritual Crises

An urgent call for communal action to face contemporary faith challenges.



Revival and the Kingdom Age

Strategies for avoiding spiritual death and maintaining the Ecclesia's future.

