



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 18, 2021

Acts 19:21-41 – Light in the Midst of Darkness

We Learn:

Ephesus was well-known as the center of worship of the Greek goddess Artemis. The temple of Artemis in the city, double the size of the Parthenon in Athens, was regarded as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Paul's bold declaration of the gospel message of Jesus made such an impact in the city that the livelihood of the silversmiths and others who profited from Artemis worship was threatened. The way of Jesus that Paul proclaimed was a threat to the way of Artemis. The way of Jesus brought light in the darkness.

- What were some of the physical characteristics of the city of Ephesus, the temple of Artemis, and the city theatre?
- What was the message Paul brought?
- What is the significance of Paul showing that "gods made with human hands were no gods at all"?
- What was at stake for Demetrius and the others who profited from the worship of Artemis? How is this related to idol worship today?

We Respond & Apply:

- How can we bring the light without cursing the darkness? Why is it important to do so?