

Grace Episcopal Church  
Read the Bible in a Year - GraceFullBible - New Testament

Reflections: Virtual Class - Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date for readings: May 25 - 29, 2015

**Prayer:** Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our priests and lay leaders, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace; and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual rain of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen

Book of Common Prayer, rev. | Mission St Clare website

**Readings:**

Day 103 | Monday | May 25 | [Acts 14](#) | Paul and Barnabas methodology for missionary work was to show up in a synagogue, proclaim the gospel, divide the people there, they get mad, thrown into jail or escape out of town to do the same in the next village; they streak in Lystra and Derby to prove they are mortals; journey through area brings them back to their base in Antioch where they report of the wonders and miracles and converts to the Way.

Day 104 | Tuesday | May 26 | [Acts 15](#) | This chapter deals with the theological question of whether Gentiles (non-Jewish) Christians have to follow Jewish practices and purity laws in order to be a “real” Christian; Barnabas and Paul testified to all the miracles and wonders that happened during their missionary journey; the church leaders set no restrictions except some dietary matters and fornication; the news was rec’d with joy by the Antioch community; Paul and Barnabas part ways and head off on different journeys to proclaim the Gospel.

Day 105 | Wednesday | May 27 | [Acts 16](#) | Timothy joins Paul and Silas; Paul’s vision of Macedonian; Lydia is redeemed; note change of language from third person to second person; Paul and Silas in prison and more redeemed.

Day 106 | Thursday | May 28 | [Acts 17](#) | Paul and Silas go to Thessalonica - Jews create a riot - got other Christians who were arrested, posted bail, and were freed; That very night the believers<sup>[f]</sup> sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea - went to a synagogue- they were more receptive - Silas and Timothy stayed; Paul goes and preaches in Athens;

Day 107 | Friday | May 29 | [Acts 18](#) | Paul stays in Corinth and sets up a business with a friend to support himself; preaches to Jewish people and gives up and preaches to the rest of the people and the body of believers grew in faith and wisdom; Paul is brought before the procounsel and is dismissed from any wrong doing; Jews get mad and beat up someone; Paul with friends go back to Antioch; description of Apollos’ ministry.

**Prayer:**

Pray for the redemption of the World. Pray for your personal discipleship and your calling to serve the Kingdom of God in your world.