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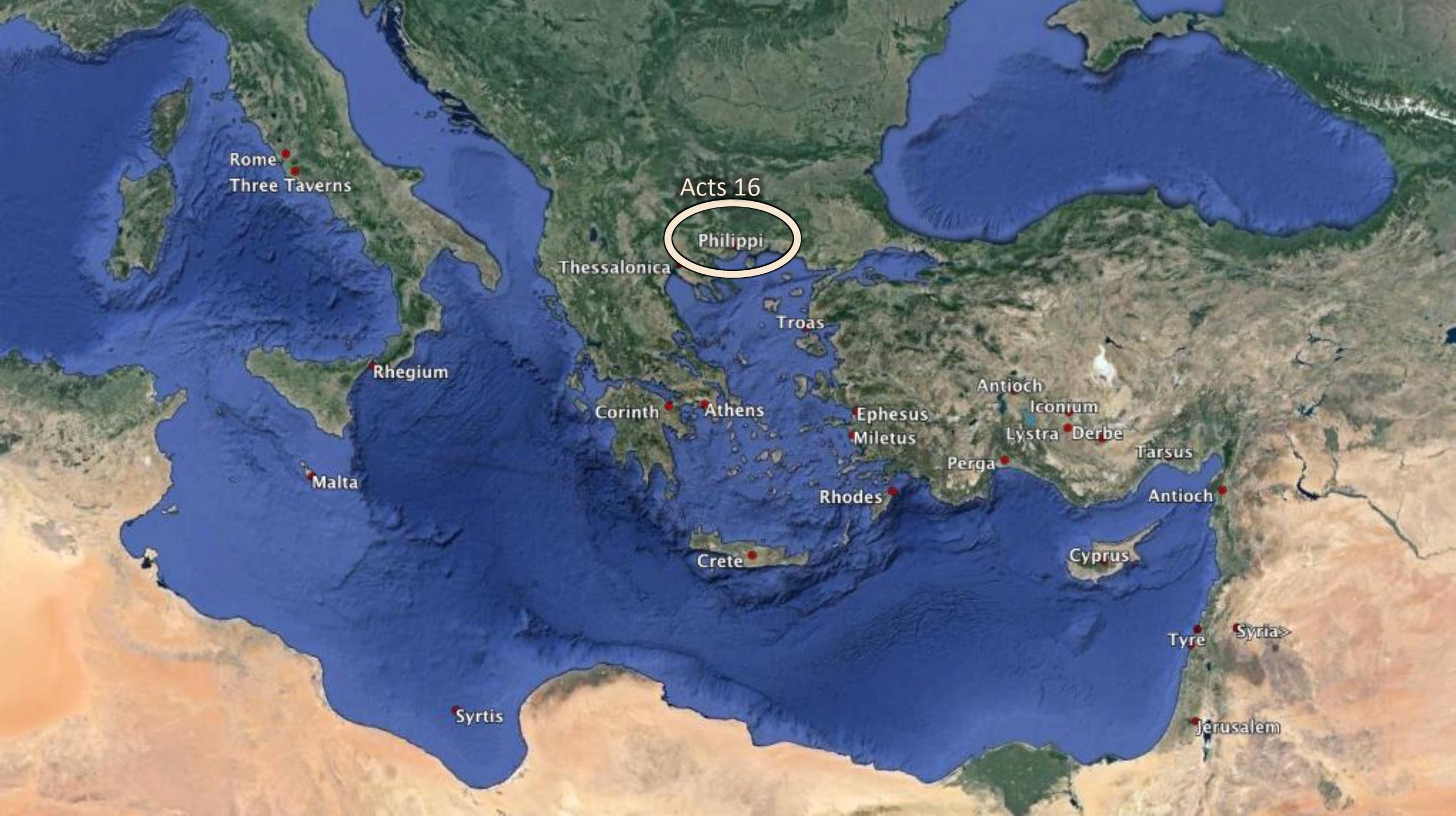


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Joy is the predominant note of this letter, written by a man in prison who during thirty years had been mobbed, beaten, stoned, and manhandled – enough to make the angels gasp. Yet his is overflowing with joy. **The very things that would naturally tend to make him sour only added to his happiness.**

– Halley's Bible Handbook



Rome
Three Taverns

Acts 16

Philippi

Thessalonica

Troas

Rhegium

Corinth

Athens

Ephesus

Miletus

Antioch

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And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. (Acts 14:23)

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the elders of the church. (Acts 20:17)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. (1 Tim 3:1)

And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. (1 Tim 3:10)

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may **abound in every good work**. (2 Cor 9:8)

so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit in every good work** and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Col 1:10)

comfort your hearts and **establish them in every good work** and word.(2 Thess 2:17)

They profess to know God, but **they deny Him by their works**. They are detestable, disobedient, **unfit for any good work**. (Titus 1:16)

for it is **God who works in you**, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. (Php 2:13)

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For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields **the peaceful fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it. (Heb 12:11)

The **fruit of the righteous** is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise. (Pr 11:30)

Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall **eat the fruit of their deeds**. (Isaiah 3:10)

¹² Now I want you to know, brethren, that **my circumstances** have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, ¹⁴ and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

We read about Paul's circumstances in

Acts 28:16-31

“Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings” (Col 2:10)

“the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains” (Eph 6:19-20)”

“At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.” (Phm 1:22)

