

# The letter to the Gentiles

Acts 15:22-35

Wednesday, June 5, 2019



Can you remember  
to say Sunday that  
Larry was right about  
Hope Lutheran being  
Wisconsin Synod and  
not ELCA?

9:16 PM

Let's tell the Gentiles:

1. Abstain from things polluted by idols,
2. Abstain from sexual immorality,
3. Abstain from what has been strangled,
4. Abstain from blood.

James, in Acts 15:20

Dear Gentiles,

1. Abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols,
2. Abstain from blood,
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4. Abstain from sexual immorality.

The letter, Acts 15:29

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.

Acts 15:22-23

Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

Acts 15:24-27

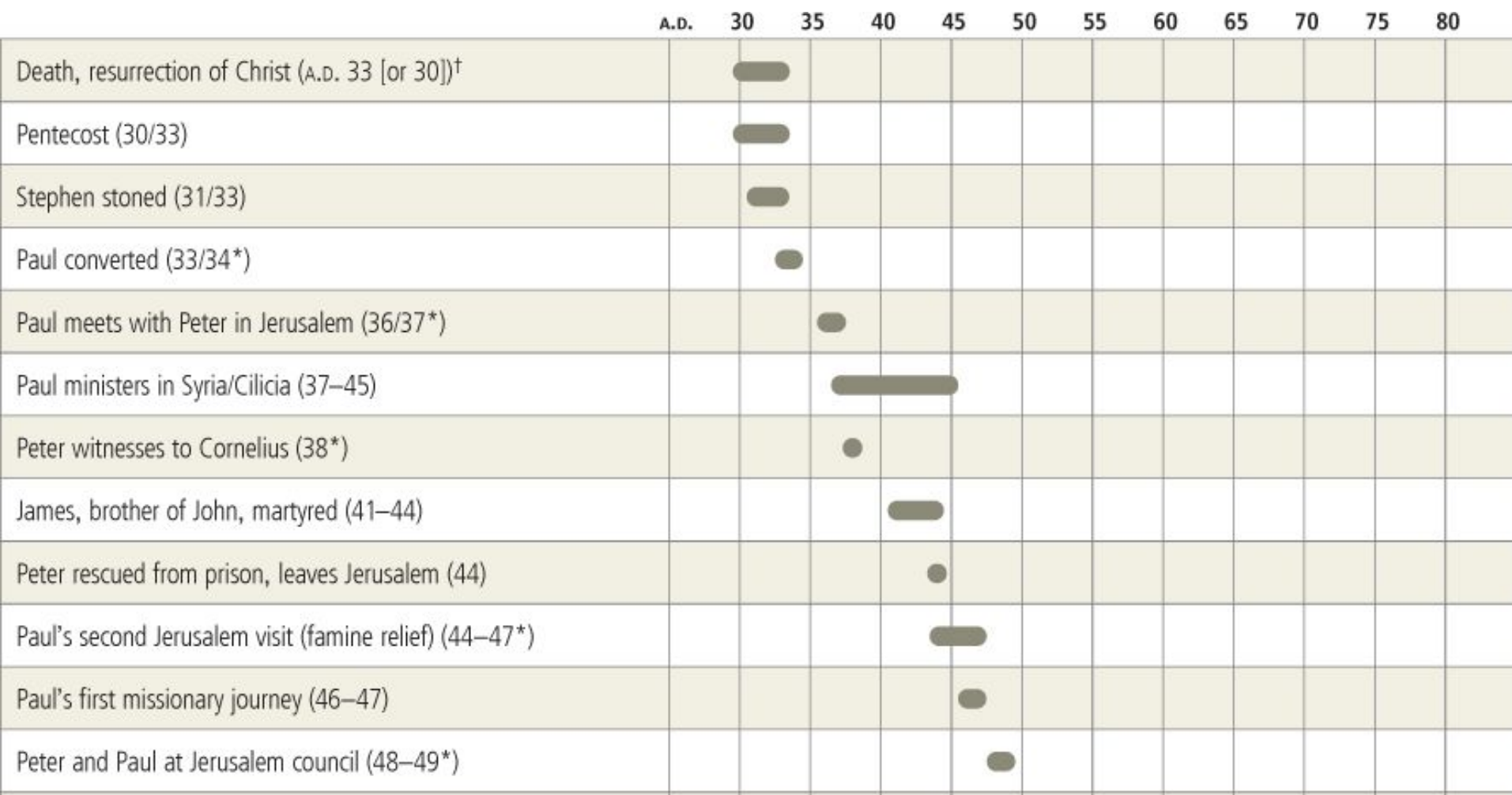
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Acts 15:28-29

So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

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“The Jerusalem Council acknowledged that Gentile Christians were not obligated to live under the yoke of the law. At the same time, it challenged them to exercise their liberty with wisdom, restraint, and love, recognising the concerns of some Jewish Christians about contamination through any association with idolatrous practices. The requirements....were designed to keep the lines of fellowship open with Jewish believers by giving warning to Gentiles about any compromise with the idolatry and immorality that was so much a part of their world.”

David Peterson, 440