

Acts 19:1- 7

19:1 3 views - 1) Disciples of Jesus 2) Disciples of John 3) Disciples of Apollos

1) The word used by itself would refer to Jesus disciples

2) Because ignorance of Holy Spirit's coming (Christ's death, etc.)

3) Because of same knowledge that Apollos had - or lack of it- of Lord

19:2 NASB, NIV, JND, RSV all render "when you believed". Notice their answer - better meaning is not heard of Christ's death and subsequent resurrection and Pentecost and coming of the Holy Spirit in new way in this age. It would have been impossible for them to be around John the Baptist without hearing of the Holy Spirit. See purpose of Paul's question Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13. Remember - Paul isn't asking this question to "Christians".

19:3 He immediately notices the problem: not lack of Holy Spirit but no knowledge of the finished complete work of redemption and gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

19:4,5 Notice when they believed - they were baptized - a public testimony- John was pretty much accepted as a prophet from God. Now these disciples of John are baptized publicly in the name of the rejected Messiah and then they spoke in tongues, etc. This was a powerful witness of the reality of their reception of the Holy Spirit to the predominately Jewish community in Ephesus. It was a sign to who? Unbelieving Jews for one. 1Corinthians 1:22. Yet still the Jews refused to listen. See Isaiah 28:11-12 The "refreshing" is just what Peter preached Acts 3:19 to be fulfilled when Israel repents nationally.

19:8 Paul at Ephesus / Miracles / Riots / Ephesians Paul preaching the thing concerning the kingdom of God. John 3:3;6 and even considering last things 1Corinthians 15:24. (Remember, Paul wrote Corinthians from Ephesus)

19:9 Hebrews 3:7,8 2Corinthians 6:2

19:10 Paul stays in Ephesus for nearly three years 1Corinthians 16:5-10. Notice what he tells Thessalonians 1Thessalonians 1:7,8. This also was probably the time of the founding of the seven churches of Asia Minor Revelation 2 & 3.

19:11,12 The power of god is here displayed through the apostle Paul. We are living in a different age today. Attempts are made to imitate the power of God.

19:13-16 Vagabonds try too use the name of the Lord as a sort of "charm". They got more than they bargained for! Satan is not a thing to be toyed with! Many things are done "in the name of Jesus" - see Matthew 7:22,23.

19:17-20 What a testimony! Anywhere from \$9,000 to \$35,000 (evaluation done in 1979) worth of stuff. This was quit a sum of money back then. 1Corinthians 14:23-25 points to the superior value of prophecy - speaking forth the Word of God - over tongues. Conviction is produced!

19:21,22 Paul proposes in his spirit to go to Jerusalem, then to Rome. The rest of Acts is largely spent telling how Paul gets to Rome. Paul got there by seemingly strange circumstances but he prayed along those lines. Romans 1:9,10

19:23,24 The more effect the Word of God has the more Satan gets stirred up or stirs up someone else. Diana was a “mother god” (describe image one might buy and where one might put it - e.g. Mary?) Where is Diana today?

19:26 Similar to Paul’s Mars Hill statement

19:27 How ridiculous! If she was truly such a great god was her magnificence going to be destroyed? Indignation, surface motive. Financial gain, real motive. Satanic opposition, ulterior motive or force.