ACTS 19

POWERFUL MINISTRY

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Summary: Paul's powerful third missionary journey continues, as he comes to Ephesus (1). He ministers water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism to 12 Ephesian believers (2-7). For 2 years he teaches both Jews and Gentiles (8-10). Paul performs miracles of healing and deliverance; many believe, and God's word grows mightily and prevails (11-20). [In Ephesus Paul writes 1 Corinthians, plus an earlier letter now lost{1 Cor. 5:9}]. Paul's ministry threatens the income of the craftsmen who make shrines to Diana. The ensuing riot is dispersed, but Paul will leave for Macedonia (21-41).

Lesson: Powerful ministries for Jesus accomplish much and cost much.