

Expect Jesus to Disrupt Things!

New Life- Building Bridges #5

Jesus in Jerusalem

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. **He overturned the tables and benches** of the money changers and those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be **called a house of prayer**,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" **Matthew 21:12-13**

Paul returns to Ephesus

¹ **Paul** took the interior road and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard of a Holy Spirit..."

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to **believe in the one coming after him**, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus... **Acts 19:1-7**

Receive God's Spirit & power within you !

⁹ Paul took the disciples with him and had **discussions daily** in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This went on for two years, so the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. ¹¹ God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so people's **illnesses** were cured and **evil spirits** left them...

¹⁷ When **all this** became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were seized with fear, and the Lord Jesus was **held in high honor**. ¹⁸ Many of those **who believed** now came and openly confessed what they had done.

¹⁹ A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. ²⁰ In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. **Acts 19:9-20**

Leave behind empty practices & power pursuits !

²³ About then, there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴ A silversmith named **Demetrius**, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the skilled workers there. ²⁵ He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: "You know, friends, that we receive a good income from this business."

²⁶ And you see and hear how this **Paul** has convinced and led astray large numbers of people in Ephesus and in almost the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are not gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that **our trade** will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

²⁸ When they heard this, they were furiously and began shouting: "**Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!**" ²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed together into the theater...

³² The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there... ³⁴ Again, they shouted in unison for two hours: "**Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!**" **Acts 19:23-34**

Follow Jesus to solid identity & security in Him !

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"