

The gospel: unchained

The word that cannot be thwarted

Acts 18:1–23

Introduction

How can the good news of Jesus' rule possibly triumph in 'the Big City'?

1. God's eternal plan (v5–11)

Genesis 12:1–4; 15; 17: 1–8; Exodus 19:5–6; Deuteronomy 7:6; Psalm 2, 72, 87...;
Isaiah 2:2–3; v60; Luke 1:1–4; 24:45–49; Acts 1:8; Revelation 5:9–10)

2. God's sovereign protection (v12–17)

... but remember persecution is also used by Jesus for the advance of his gospel
(Acts 8:5; v13–14)

3. God's active people (v1–23)

Aquila and Priscilla

The churches of Macedonia

Titius Justus, Crispus, (and Jason)

Silas and Timothy

Conclusion

London?

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does what Luke tells us about the advance of the gospel in Corinth encourage us for similar advance in London?
- In what way might we be one of the people who play a part in the advance of the gospel?