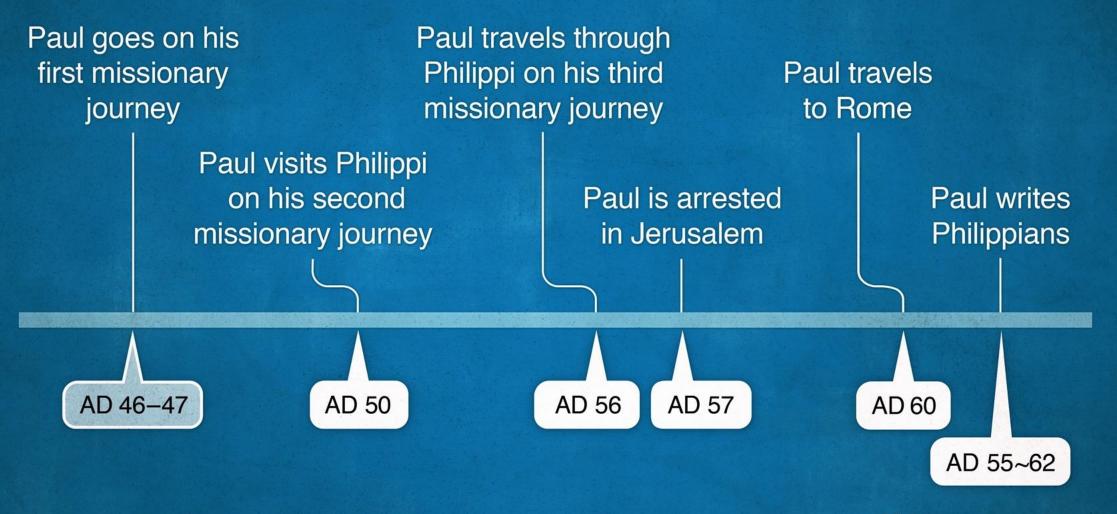
## TIMELINE

## PHILIPPIANS



\*All dates are approximate

## The Gospel

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For Paul, the gospel was at the center of his mind and mission.

## The Primacy of the Gospel

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III. Put the <u>advance</u> of the gospel at the center of your <u>aspirations</u> (1:12-14).

The palace guard heard the gospel <u>circulated</u> (13). The believers spoke the gospel with <u>confidence</u> (14).

IV. Put the <u>converts</u> of the gospel at the center of your <u>self-denial</u> (1:15-26).

Potential converts (15-18)

Progressing converts (19-26)