



## "The Litmus Test in Jerusalem" (Part 1)

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### Galatians 2:1-2



**1** Then, fourteen years later, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. **2** But it was because of a revelation that I went up. And I declared to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, lest somehow I might be running, or had run, in vain. **3** But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. **4** But it was because of the false brethren, secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus in order to enslave us. **5** We did not yield to them in submission for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you. **6** But from those who were of reputation--what they were makes no difference to me (God is not a respecter of

men)--for those of reputation contributed nothing to me. **7** But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, even as Peter to the circumcised, **8** (for He who worked for Peter in respect to [his] apostleship to the circumcised worked also for me in respect to the Gentiles), **9** and knowing the grace given to me, James and Cephas and John, who are considered to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we [should go] to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** [They] only asked us to remember the poor--the very thing I also was eager to do.

– Galatians 2:1-10, translated by T. Bartolucci –

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**\* Introduction: *You can learn much from a single word!***

- Paul's Defense of His Thesis in 1:11-12

1. Paul's First Defense: Jesus Not Jerusalem (vv. 1:13-17)
2. Paul's Second Defense: Only A Fortnight In Jerusalem (vv. 18-24)

### **I. Paul's Third Defense: A Litmus Test in Jerusalem (2:1-10)**

For I would have you to know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] through a revelation of Jesus Christ.  
*Paul's Thesis of 1:11-12*  
[translated by T. Bartolucci]

A. The Consequent Journey to Jerusalem: Paul's Second Trip (vv. 1-2)

#### 1. Company of Five Faithful Friends

- a. *When* was the trip? (v. 1a)
- b. *Who* went? (v. 1b)
- c. *Why* did they go? (v. 2a)
- d. *What* happened? (v. 2b)
- e. *Where* did it happen? (v. 2b)
- f. *What* was Paul's concern? (v. 2c)

Paul's second trip to Jerusalem proves that there's harmony between Jerusalem and Antioch.  
*The Pillars and Paul sing in unison!*

B. The Confrontation in Jerusalem: Titus and the Test Case (vv. 3-5)

1. Circumcision and Titus (v. 3)
2. Christians In Name Only (v. 4)
3. Celebrating the Freedom of the Gospel (vv. 4-5)