

DID PAUL MAKE IT TO SPAIN? & ILLYRICUM?

Five historians say he made it to Spain.

1. Jerome 342-460 AD, believed Paul made it to Spain.
“St Paul, having been in Spain”
2. Clement of Rome 100 AD
“[Paul] having reached the farthest limits of the west.”
I Clement 5.5-7
3. The Muratorian Canon 170 AD
refers to “the journey of St Paul to Spain.”
4. Theodoret, bishop of Cyprus 430 AD
“Paul, liberated from his first captivity at Rome, preached the gospel to the Britons and others in the west.”
5. Chrysostom of Antioch, from the Homily on Matthew 347-407 AD
“Paul saith . . . The gospel which was preached to every creature which is under heaven. . . . And seest thou him running from Jerusalem unto Spain?”

. . . and Illyricum?

- Scripture does not record any Pauline churches planted in Illyricum. It is only mentioned in one verse that he had gone there and done evangelism.
- Illyricum is on the west side of the Greece/Macedonia peninsula and is on the east side of the Aegean Sea. It is located in modern day Croatia, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- It is suggested by many that his visit was part of Paul’s third missionary tour and they may have taken a side trip (*for several months?*) leaving after visiting churches in the region of Berea, Macedonia on their way back to Jerusalem.
- We have no explanation as to why Luke failed to mention it in the book of Acts.

Romans 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.