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A Journey through Church History

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2 Tim. 2:1-2: You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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I. The Labors and Ends of the Other Apostles

C. James

1. Last word from Acts:

a. Acts 12:1-2

2. Reflections on God's sovereignty

a. Given the differences in outcome for Peter, John and James,

What considerations should we keep in view when we approach an act of God and wonder, "Why?"

D. Andrew

1. Getting into more uncertain territory.

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3. Spurious traditions

a. *Acts of Andrew*

b. *Acts of Andrew and Matthias*

4. What leads people who associate with the truth of Jesus to embellish and add to the narratives that we’ve been given. Is it always from impure motives? Why does the truth seem lacking that we feel the need to add to it?

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I. The Labors and Ends of the Other Apostles

E. The uncertain impact of many of the apostles

1. We have a far less clear view of their impact than that of Paul.

a. 1 Cor. 15:3-10

b. 2 Cor. 11:5

c. 2 Cor. 12:11

2. What should guide our thinking about the role to which God has called us in the service of His kingdom? How should we judge the impact we are having?

F. Thomas

1. Eusebius

a. “Meanwhile the holy apostles and disciples of our Saviour were dispersed throughout the world . . .”

(I) “Parthia, according to tradition, was allotted to Thomas as his field of labor . . .”

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