

#### Acts 28:30–31 (ESV)

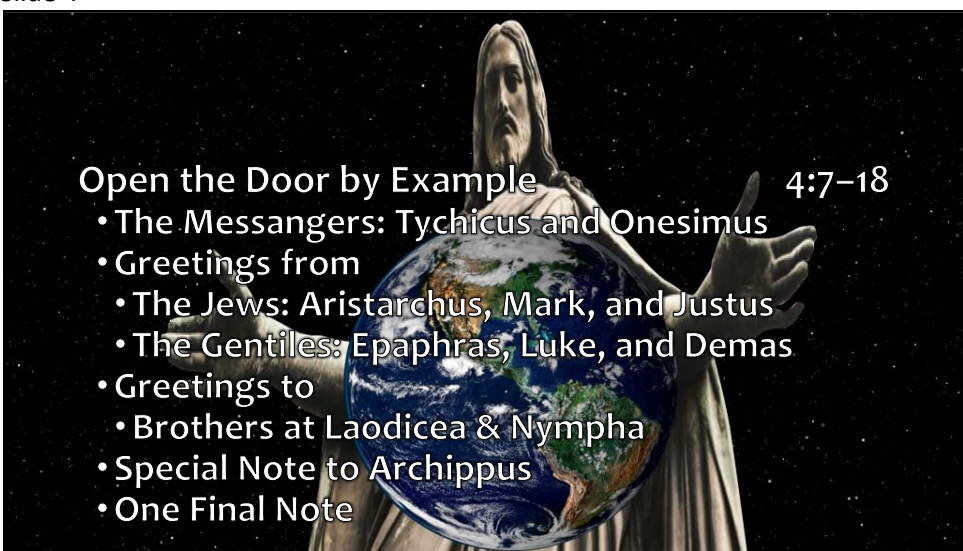
<sup>30</sup> He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, <sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.



## Open the Door with Wisdom

4:5-6

- With “Outsiders” in Mind
- How
- Why



## Open the Door by Example

4:7-18

- The Messengers: Tychicus and Onesimus
- Greetings from
  - The Jews: Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus
  - The Gentiles: Epaphras, Luke, and Demas
- Greetings to
  - Brothers at Laodicea & Nympha
- Special Note to Archippus
- One Final Note

**Tychicus:** Acts 20:4 Accompanied Paul at end of 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey to take collection to poor in Jerusalem. Also mentioned in Ephesians 6:21, 2 Timothy 4:12, and Titus 3:12 as a messenger for Paul

**Onesimus:** Slave being sent back to Philemon

**Aristarchus, Mark, Luke, and Demas** all mentioned in Philemon 24

**Aristarchus:** Acts 19:29. Companion in Paul’s travels who was dragged into the theatre in Ephesus during the riot; Acts 20:4 accompanied Paul with collection for poor to Jerusalem; Acts 27:2 accompanied Paul when he was taken as a prisoner to Rome

**Mark:** John Mark (Acts 12:12). Author of Gospel of Mark. Cousin of Barnabas who accompanied Paul & Barnabas on 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey (Acts 12:25). Reject by Paul for 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey causing split between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:37-39). Called “useful” by Paul (2 Timothy 4:11). Also Companion of Peter (1 Peter 5:13)

**Jesus who is called Justus:** unknown beyond this verse.

**Ephaphras:** from Colossae. Known there and in Laodicea. Described as faithful minister to Paul on behalf of the Colossians (Colossians 1:7)

**Luke:** Sometimes companion of Paul on missionary journeys and when Paul was taken to Rome (“we” sections of Acts). Author of Gospel of Luke. 2 Timothy 4:11 “Luke alone is with me.”

**Demas:** Mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:10 as deserting Paul because he was “in love with this present world.”

**Greetings:** Of special note: public reading of letters.

**Archippus:** Philemon 2: “Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house.”

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