

# False Teachers at Ephesus

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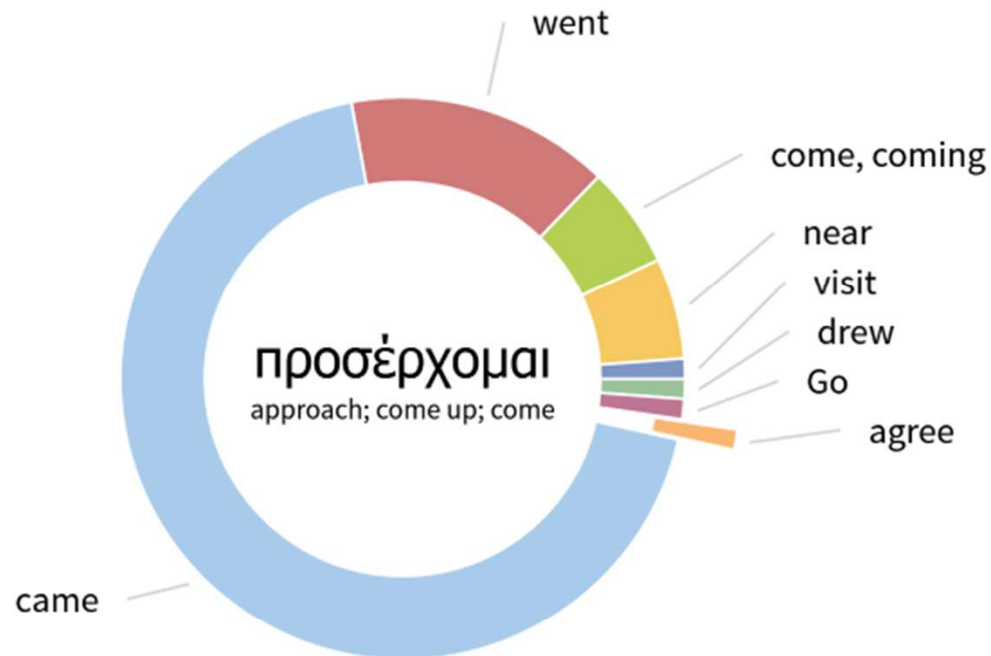
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## Agree – Come to, approach

Acts 12:13 (ESV) — 13 And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda **came to** answer.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) — 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would **draw near to** God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Acts 8:29 (ESV) — 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “**Go** over and join this chariot.”

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## James 3:13–18 (ESV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.



## James 3:13–18 (ESV)

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.  
18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

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## Titus 1:10–11 (ESV)

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.  
11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.

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- Are proud and ignorant
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- Contrast sharply with the leadership God desires for the church

# Contrast

## False Teachers

Do not agree with  
sound words

Puffed up with  
conceit

Crave quarrels

See godliness as a  
means of gain

- Elders (1 Tim. 3)

- Able to teach

- Not puffed up  
with conceit

- Not quarrelsome

- Not lovers of  
money

## Colossians 1:18–22 (ESV)

**18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. **21** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,