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	THE OTHER LEGACY OF PAUL: THE UNMARRIED WOMAN		
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	Outline		
	Taking Paul two ways		
	<ul> <li>Pro-marriage</li> <li>Pro-celibacy (anti-marriage, or at least anti-sex)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>The Pro-celibacy track</li> <li>Acts of Paul and Thecla</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Research clusters: Seleucia</li> <li>How is celibacy emphasized in the story, and why?</li> </ul>	,	
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8	TAKING PAUL TWO WAYS: THE PRO-CELIBACY TRACK		
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aking Paul Two Ways vo Opposite Traditions in the Early Church	
Paul's Teaching	
Women must get married, have children, be submissive to husbands, have no role in public worship  Ephesians, Pastoral Epistles (1-2 Timothy, Titus)  2  Women must remain virgins, have no children, be independent of men (sort of), and can then be religious leaders  Acts of Paul and Thecla	
The Pro-CelibacyTrack Acts of Paul and Thecla	
■ Date 160–210 CE	
<ul> <li>Place South-central Asia Minor/ Turkey</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Author Unknown         (Tertullian will say it was a heretical priest)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Audience Pilgrims to Thecla's shrine</li> </ul>	
HOW IS CELIBACY EMPHASIZED,	
AND WHY?	

## The Pro-CelibacyTrack Acts of Paul and Thecla

- 1. How is celibacy emphasized?
- 2. Does this emphasis maintain Paul's teachings or diverge from them, or both?
- 3. How is Thecla's virginity eroticized?
- 4. WHY is Thecla's virginity eroticized? Isn't it a contradiction to promote one thing through its opposite?

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