

Day 19: Virtual Journey – Philadelphia & Laodicea

Our last day of our virtual journey takes us to [Philadelphia](#) and [Laodicea](#).

Philadelphia was a small city founded in the mid 2nd century BC. Its prosperity came through trade and particularly grapes. Pagan cults flourished there. When I visited, as the coach drove through the streets the children and young people waved and followed us. As we got off the coach they were pressing forwards to talk to us. Philadelphia's letter refers to the open door which no-one can shut except God. Here we saw evidence of an open door – it was the friendliest place we visited.

Laodicea was destroyed by an earthquake and later rebuilt. It was renowned for sheep with black wool. It was the wealthiest city in Phrygia and was a centre of banking, wool and a carpet industry. It also had a famous medical school.

Nearby can be seen the aqueducts that carried the thermal waters from its source to Laodicea – the water would have been lukewarm by the time it arrived.

Quote

If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.
Gesare Pavese

Bible Verse

Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13

I am coming soon. HOLD ON TO WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT NO ONE WILL TAKE YOUR CROWN. REVELATION 3:11

Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20

Inspiration

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccz3-bvkh00>

Journaling

What things in your life have had to come to an end in order that something new can begin? Sometimes these can be good things that have to end.

Technique Challenge

Put a border pattern round your page. You could draw it or use a stamp. Or you could use a non-border stamp to create a border.

Making borders with non border stamps

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unmWTTqMM_w

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZifaJ2PKbU>

Or use a stencil:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdU96KTXoW8>