



The city walls of Athens were 5-6 miles

Greek Agora (left) with Temple of Hephaestus (#7 on diagram) dedicated to the god Hephaestus and the goddess Athena built between 449-444 BC. Paul would have entered the city from through the NW gates and this would have been one of the first buildings he saw.

Mars Hill or Areopagus in two photos below. The barren rock is the Areopagus.

"Areopagus" means "the hill of Ares" (Latin "Mars"). "Ares" (Latin "Mars") was the Greek god of war and a lover of Aphrodite. It is said that he had to stand trial for murder in Athens on the hill that is named after him.

The governing council of the Greek city of Athens met on Mars Hill before Rome and again, for a time, while under Roman rule.

