



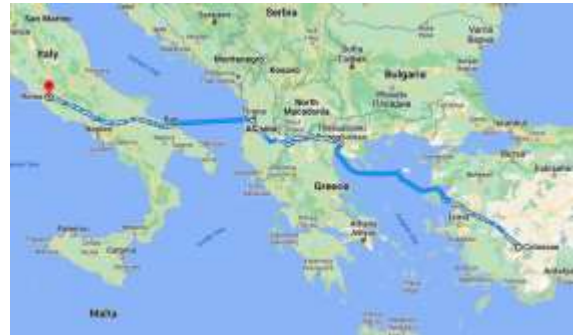
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Series: Philemon V.4-7. "A Living Lesson on Forgiveness." Pt.2

*"Helping people experience the Hope  
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Forgiveness: You're never more like God than when you forgive.

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Jesus taught the disciple this principle.

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This are the characteristics of a person who forgives.... Is a person who has a genuine relationship with Christ

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# • God is a God of forgiveness.

- Exodus 34:6

- *“The Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness and truth, who keeps loving kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression, and sin.”*



• Jesus:

Matthew 6:12

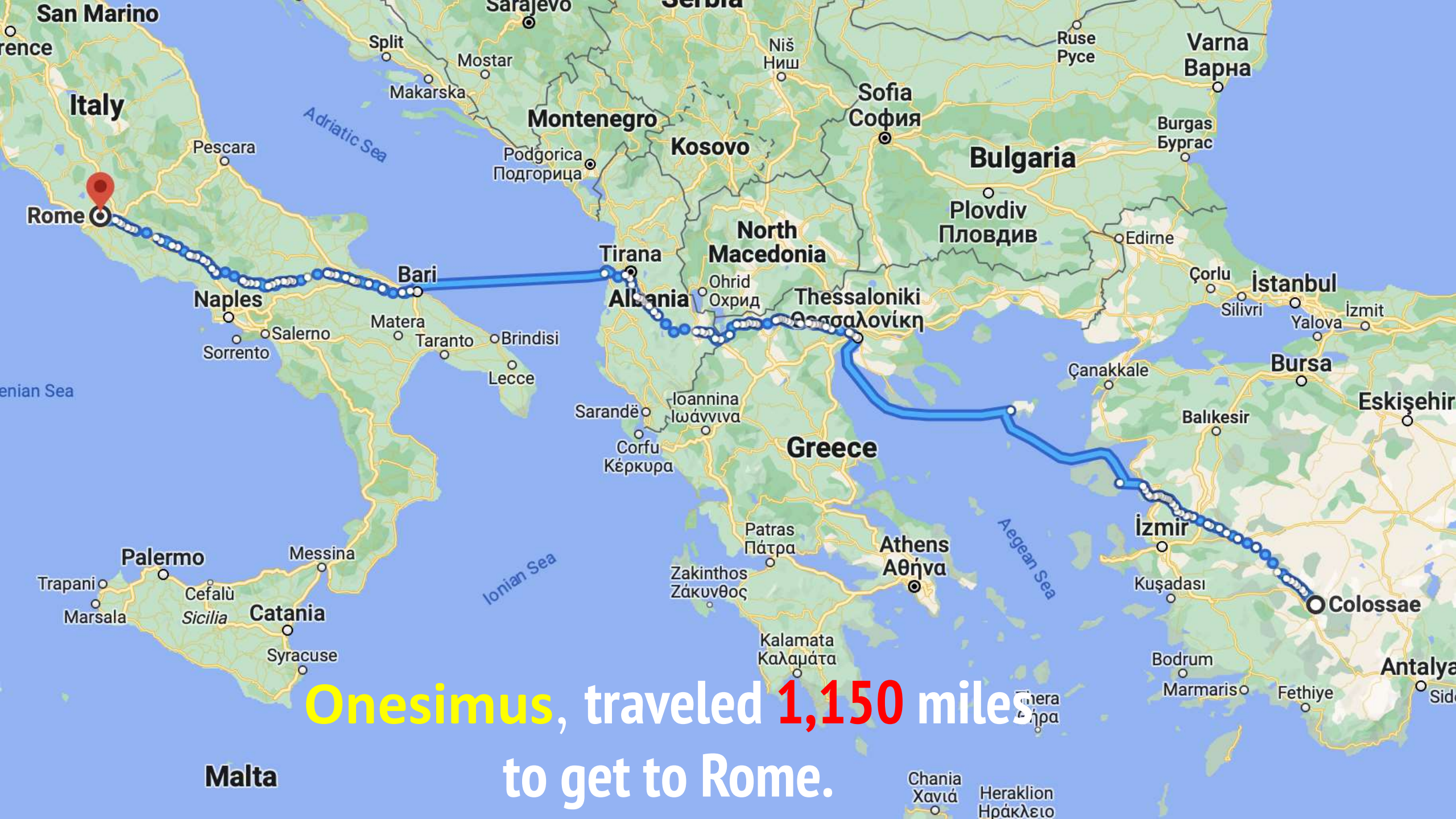
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