**Paul’s First Journey**

**Acts 13-14**

1. **Starting in Antioch, Acts 13:1-3**
2. Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas on their journey at the direction of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. There were several other “prophets and teachers” in this congregation.
4. Can you imagine the stories Manaen could have told? Surely he did, but we have recorded by the Spirit the things that we need to know.
5. While it would be nice to know some of the details of Barnabas’ calling, we know a lot about his answer to that call. What drive and commitment!
6. While Paul may have been the only apostle in Antioch∑, there were others that were capable men given powers by God. They all worked for God with great determination.
7. ∑ While our contributions may not be recorded in a book on earth, our every deed is known from on High and our works are recorded in the God’s Book, Revelation 20:12-15.
8. **Cyprus, Acts 13:4-12**
9. Paul and Barnabas apparently walked across the island of Cyprus.
10. Bar-Jesus (Elymus) was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that opposed the Word of God.
11. Sergius Paulus, the Procunsul, kept company with Elymus, but was smart enough to recognize the Word of God and obey it.
12. Paul and Barnabas could have given up in their attempts to teach Sergius Paulus. Consider how awkward it could easily have become.
13. **Asia Minor, Acts 13:13-14:28**
14. Pamphylia, Acts 13:13-14
15. Perga – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ abandoned them. We don’t know why, but Paul refused to take him on the next trip to the point of him and Barnabas splitting ways, Acts 15:36-41.
* John Mark’s mother (Mary) hosted a prayer meeting in her home when Peter was in prison to be executed the next day. Rhoda answered the door, Acts 12:12-17.
* John Mark traveled with Paul and Barnabas when they had completed their ministry in Jerusalem and headed back to Antioch, Acts 12:25.
1. Pisidia, Acts 13:14-52,
2. Antioch
* The first thing they did was go into the synagogue and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Paul’s sermon, Acts 13:16-41
	+ Paul drew a clear contrast between what the leading Jews did in Jerusalem with Jesus and what the decision they now faced.
* Gentiles begged to hear God’s Word. When we put it out there we never know who is listening and will want to know more!
* They went from a synagogue audience to “almost the whole city.”
* There will always be opposition to Truth.
* Notice that in a city of Jews and Gentiles, it was not the devout, prominent and chief JEWS that they stirred up, but women and men of the city. They were manipulating the crowd. Nothing new under the sun.
1. Iconium, Acts 13:51-14:7, from synagogue they made many converts of Jews & Greeks.
* Jews stirred up Gentiles to oppose God; they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their minds.
* With such opposition, they stayed there a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time.
* Iconium divided: they followed the Jews or they followed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The rulers planned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and stone them, so they left.
1. Lycaonia, Acts 14:5-
2. Lystra – Acts 14:8-20
* Healing a man that has been crippled since birth draws quite a crowd.
* Paul & Barnabas are worshipped as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Hate brought people from other cities to destroy Paul.
	+ They took Jesus to the Romans to have Him murdered.
	+ They drug Stephen out of town to murder him.
	+ They murdered Paul and THEN drug his body out of town, (Acts 20:7-12).
* Determination. If you had just been beaten “to death” would you want to take some time to recoup?
1. Derbe – No details except that he made many disciples.
2. Ly-stra = Left for Dead. Derbe – Because he was raring to go!
3. Retracing their steps. We don’t know for certain how long some of these Christians had been in the Lord’s service, for they could be of the diaspora from Pentecost in Jerusalem, but they were able to appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church as they went back through.
4. When they got back to Antioch, they gave a full report of their efforts.
5. **Recap of Highlights:**
6. Antioch didn’t just toss Paul and Barnabas out, but worked together to the furtherance of the Kingdom. Their send-off involved prayer, fasting, & every advantage that could be mustered.
7. Though they faced caustic and relentless opposition, they persevered through it all. Whether it was Elymas the sorcerer, Jews manipulating Gentiles to turn against them, or the direct hatefulness of the Jews against them, Paul and Barnabas pushed on and continued to preach the Word – and consider the rewards of their labor and the faithful Christians that 2,000 years later they are still leaving in their wake!
8. Paul had already been through more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE his “first journey” than most people face in a lifetime.
9. Paul and Barnabas made it a point to share the Gospel with others so that they were appointing elders in the congregations on the way back through.
10. Paul did not have endless patients with the ignorant or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but would speak plainly to them of the facts of salvation…and damnation.
11. “Useless idiots” are manipulated by those that want to be powerful. Paul certainly had that used against him. Rather than be manipulative of others, he sought their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ preaching – When they tried to kill Paul, he would run to the next city AND PREACH ALL THE MORE!
13. Paul was not dampened by the opposition, but was spurred on by it.
14. How many times have you known of someone that was left for dead by his enemies?
15. How many times did that left for dead person get up and go the next day to the next town to preach?...especially when preaching is what had them beaten nigh unto death!
16. Philippians 1:21 “For to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and to die is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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