



# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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# Acts 12

- **Passing the torch.**
  - This is the last chapter Peter will be the main character.
- **God and His cause are victorious.**
  - Acts 12:1-4 and 12:21-24 serve as bookends for the chapter.
  - Though Herod may think he has the upper hand (12:1-4), God ultimately triumphs (12:21-24).
- **John Mark joins Barnabas and Saul.**
  - Acts 12:25

# Things to Know

- **Chapter 13 serves as a natural division in the book of Acts.**
  - **Acts 1-12: Peter**
  - **Acts 13-28: Paul**
- **Paul will become the focus of Luke's writings.**
- **Paul will make 3 preaching journeys.**
  - **Acts 13, 14 cover his first preaching journey.**
- **Antioch (Syria) will become HQ for Paul.**
  - **All 3 preaching journeys will begin from Antioch.**
- **Many epistles were written during trips.**

# The Narrative

- **Acts 13:1-3**
  - Barnabas and Saul are separated for a ministry.
- **Travels in Acts 13, 14: Antioch (Syria) → Cyprus → Antioch (Pisidia) → Iconium → Lystra → Derbe**
- **Generally speaking, it was a successful trip.**
  - Only stoned once!
  - Though, Paul is run out of at least 3 cities.
  - Many people believe in Jesus.
  - Exhort Christians! Acts 14:22



**ASIA**

**CAPPADOCIA**

**GALATIA**

(starting point)

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Cilician Gates

Tarsus

**LYCIA**

Attalia

Myra

**PAMPHYLIA**

Perge

**CILICIA**

Antioch

Seleucia

**SYRIA**

Salamis

**CYPRUS**

Paphos

# Attitudes Toward the Word: Acts 13:4-12

## Sergius Paulus

- Shows an interest in hearing the word (Acts 13:7).
- Believed (Acts 13:12).

## Elymas (Bar-Jesus)

- Opposes the messengers and actively seeks to shield Sergius Paulus from the word (Acts 13:8).
- Punished (Acts 13:9-11).

# Attitudes Toward the Word: Acts 13:42-48

## Jews

- Come out to hear (13:44).
- Contradict and blaspheme Paul's teaching (13:45).
- Judged themselves unworthy (13:46).

## Gentiles

- Come out to hear (13:44).
- Glorify the word of the Lord (13:48).
- Those "appointed to eternal life" believed (13:48).



# Lesson

- In Acts 13, you have two sets of people who accept the word and two sets who reject it.
- Such is the case anytime the word is preached.
  - Parable of the Sower
- The Gospel is for all, but it's not for everyone.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14

# Relationships in 13:13

- **“Paul and his party.”**
  - Cf. Acts 11:25, 30; 12:25; 13:2
- **Would Barnabas become mad or jealous?**
  - Not a chance!
  - Not many can play second fiddle and even fewer want to!
- **John Mark turns back. Why?**
  - I don't know.
  - Paul doesn't see it as legitimate. 15:36-41

# Tailored Preaching

- **Paul, while in the synagogue, delivered a very Jewish-sounding sermon.**
  - **Think Acts 2 and 3.**
  - **This was to be expected.**
- **While in Lystra, an idolatrous city, Paul never once speaks of the prophecies concerning Jesus.**
  - **Acts 14:13-18**
- **In our efforts to evangelize, let's start where people are at!**