

Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 10

Acts 13-14

Chapters 11 and 12 presented Luke's account of the church in its devotion to the Gospel and desire to follow the Spirit. The saints showed a love for lost souls in taking the gospel to the Greeks. And the Lord was with them in their service to Him and His gospel. Barnabas showed us the spirit of love for the saints that we should have. And the church endured through persecution trusting the Lord in prayer. The rescue of Peter from Herod showed the Lord's commitment to bringing about His will just as the martyrdom of James, brother of John, showed the ultimate deliverance the Lord brings His people from persecution. We will close Chapter 12 with the Lord's demonstration of His glorification over even powerful men and turn to Paul's first "missionary" journey in Chapters 13 and 14.

Chapter 12: 20-25 The Death of Herod

Question 1: Why did the people of Tyre and Sidon flatter Herod as they did? v. 20. How does this event with Herod illustrate David's instruction in Psalm 146:1-4 to "put not your trust in princes"?

Question 2: How did the gospel fare despite Herod's persecution of the Apostles? See Isaiah 40:8, 45:22-23, 55:10-13. What is our part to ensure that the Lord's gospel thrives despite persecution/resistance?

Chapter 13: 1-19 Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus and Antioch of Pisidia

• vv 1-3

Question 3: What did the Lord provide for His church in Antioch? v. 1.

Question 4: What marked the church's response to spreading the gospel? vv 2-3

• vv 4-12

Question 5: What confidence can we have in how the Holy Spirit responds to Satan's opposition through Barjesus?

Question 6: What can we learn from the spirit Paul shows in the defense of the Gospel against false religion?

- **vv. 13-47** Paul's sermon in Antioch of Pisidia

(Consider the similarities between Paul's sermon and Stephens in Chapter 7)

Question 7: How does Paul describe Jesus? vv. 22-23. What does Paul identify as the fulfillment of prophecy? vv. 29-35.

Question 8: What didn't the rulers of the council understand? v. 27.

Question 9: How does Paul describe salvation in Jesus compared to the law of Moses? vv. 38-39.

Question 11: What is Paul's warning against those who reject God's prophetic fulfillment in Jesus? Habakkuk 1:5; Isaiah 29:14.

- **vv. 44-52**

Question 12: What was the Gentiles response to Paul's declaration in v. 47? Who should we be willing to take the gospel to?

Chapter 14 Paul and Barnabas conclude their missionary journey

- **vv. 1-7** At Iconium

Question 13: How did Paul and Barnabas respond to the opposition from certain Jewish factions? What was the effect of their teaching?

- **vv. 8-23** At Lystra

Question 14: What is Paul and Barnabas' response to the Lycaonians elevation of them? What is the crowd's reaction to Paul rejecting their honors?

Question 15: What was Paul and Barnabas' attitude toward the saints? What did they do as part of that strengthening?

Question 16: What lesson should we see from the fact that Paul was able to find men suited to be elders so quickly after converting these saints?