

## Acts 13

### **Barnabas and Paul Commissioned**

- Diverse group of worshippers
- Led by the Holy Spirit
- Obedient to the Holy Spirit
- *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. // John 16:13*
- “in this particular passage we witness a planned attempt to take the gospel to the world. Here the missionaries are intentionally sent out, which is evidence of the church’s beginning to grasp a bit of God’s heart to make the gospel known to the ends of the earth.” // Merida, Tony. *Exalting Jesus in Acts* (p. 252)

### **Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus**

- Sent by the Holy Spirit
- Some practical reasons:
  - Barnabas was a native of Cyprus (Acts 4:36)
  - Hellenists had already begun some work there (Acts 11:19)
  - Other Christians from Cyprus who belonged to the Antioch church (Acts 11:20)
- 3 Lessons from Cyprus:
  - Some people will be open to the Word of God
  - Some people will be opposed to the Word of God
    - “He was not a “magician” who pulls rabbits out of hats but a superstitious occult

leader.” Merida, Tony. *Exalting Jesus in Acts* (p. 255)

- “The Gospel confronts idols. And when collisions happen, heated opposition sometimes ensues.” // Merida, Tony. *Exalting Jesus in Acts* (p. 255)
- Some people will embrace God’s Word

### **Paul and Barnabas in Perga**

- We do not know about their missionary work in Perga other than the detail that John Mark leaves the team and returns home.

### **Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch**

- “Antioch lay some 100 miles to the north across the Taurus mountain range. The route was barren, often flooded by swollen mountain streams, and notorious for its bandits, which even the Romans had difficulty bringing under control. Antioch itself was in the highlands, some 3,600 feet above sea level.” Polhill *Acts* (p. 297)
- Was located in the region of Galatia
- **23** *Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in*

*danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. //* 2  
*Corinthians 11:23-28*

- Paul preaches and teaches from the Old Testament showing that Jesus is the promised offspring of King David
- The purpose of the sermon is to proclaim Jesus rose from the dead (Acts 13:30) and there is forgiveness in his name (Acts 13:38)
- Paul also preaches that the Gospel does what the Law could not - set us free (Acts 13:39)
- Paul and Barnabas preach the grace of God (Acts 13:43)
- People gathered to hear the word of the Lord (Acts 13:44)