

A Sending Church Acts 13

I. The Call of God – 13:1-3

1. Church at Antioch continued to grow – 11:19
Jewish believers scattered from Jerusalem
At Antioch they gave message of Jesus to Jews
Believers from Cyprus spoke to Hellenists – 11:20-21
Many who heard of Jesus believed
2. Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to Antioch – 11:22-24
He proclaimed Jesus and a great many believed
He went to Tarsus to get Saul – 11:25-26
They taught the people for a whole year
Many believed & were grounded in the message
3. Antioch church had strong leaders – 13:1
Prophets & teachers – 5 are listed here
Prophets – to whom God revealed N.T. truth
Until New Testament was written
Teachers who taught & applied the truth
4. These leaders worshiped the Lord, fasting – 2
Holy Spirit spoke – “Set apart Barnabas & Saul”
“For the work to which I have called them”
Work was to take message of Jesus to Gentiles – 9:15
5. After fasting & praying they laid hands on them – 3
Linking them to the church which sent them
Supporting them with their prayers
They sent them off

II. First Missionary Journey – 13:4-12

1. From Seleucia they sailed for Cyprus – 4-5
Arrived at Salamis, went to synagogues
Proclaimed God's Word to the Jews
John Mark assisted them on this journey
2. Went through whole Island, to Paphos – 6- 7
Came upon a Jewish false prophet, Bar-Jesus
He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus - 7
Proconsul summoned to hear God's Word
3. Magician sought to turn him from the faith – 8-10
Saul (Paul) in the Spirit challenged the magician
As “son of the devil” “enemy of righteousness”
“full of all deceit & villainy” “making crooked the Lord's straight paths”
4. Lord blinded magician for a time – 11
Darkness fell on him & they had to lead him
5. Proconsul believed, seeing this - 12
He was astonished at teaching of the Lord

III. Paul's Message to Jews – 13:13-42

1. Paul's team sails from Paphos to Perga – 13
John Mark left them at Perga, returned to Jerusalem
2. Team went on to Antioch in Pisidia – 14
On Sabbath they went to synagogue
3. They were invited to speak by leaders – 15-16
Paul spoke relating God's hand on Israel
4. God chose our fathers – 13:17-25

Multiplying them in Egypt & led them out - 17
Put up with them for 40 yrs. in wilderness – 18
Destroyed 7 nations, giving Israel their land - 19
Gave them prophets until Samuel - 20
Gave them Saul when they wanted a king - 21
Put David on the throne “man after His heart” - 22
Promised Messiah would come from David - 23
Before He came John proclaimed His coming–24-25
Preaching repentance & acceptance of Him
He is the Promised Savior

IV. Jesus Fulfills God's Promises – 13:26-52

1. He is the “Message of this salvation” – 26
We (sons of Abraham) are recipients of God's message
What God promised in the law He fulfilled in Jesus
2. Our leaders did not recognize Him but condemned Him – 27
They did not believe the prophets who spoke of this
His death fulfilled God's sacrifice for our sins – 28
God proved His acceptance by raising Him – 29
3. Risen, He spent many days with His disciples–30-32
They are now His witnesses of this “good news”
4. The Scriptures are fulfilled by His resurrection– 33-37
This resurrection can not be fulfilled in David
5. God declares forgiveness only in Jesus – 38-39
Everyone who believes in Jesus is forgiven of all sins
Even those sins not forgiven by the law of Moses
6. Paul finished with a warning – 40-41
Don't be like the scoffers cited in Hab. 1:5
Those who refuse to believe the truth when told
7. The people begged to hear more – 42-43
Many Jews followed Paul & Barnabas

V. Turning to Gentiles – 13:44-52

1. Next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered – 44
They came to hear the Word of the Lord
2. Jewish leaders were jealous & contradicted Paul – 45
They reviled Paul, spoke evil of him
3. Paul fulfilled his assignment to the Jews – 46
You have now rejected the message of eternal life
4. They would now take their message to Gentiles – 47
This was the Lord's command as in Isaiah 49:6
This resulted in many Gentiles coming to faith in Jesus
5. Jewish leaders stirred up opposition & drove them out – 50-52
Shook the dust off their feet and went on

Peter is not in their prison

Persecuted for Christ Acts 12

I. Persecution for Political Gain – 12:1-5

1. Herod laid violent hands on some – 1
The number of Christians was increasing
Such gains were displeasing to the Jews
2. Herod executed James by the sword - 2
James was the brother of John
The son of Zebedee a fisherman
3. Gaining approval he put Peter in prison – 3-4
This was at Passover, days of Unleavened Bread
Put in prison under 4 squads of soldiers – 4
To be tried after the Passover
4. With Peter in prison, the church earnestly prayed-5

II. God Delivers Peter – 12:6-11

1. Night before the trial, Peter slept – 6
Sleeping between 2 soldiers, in chains
Sentries were on guard at the door
2. An angel stood next to him – 7-8
A light shined in the cell
Angel struck him awakening him
“Get up quickly” – the chains fell off
“Dress yourself” – “put on your sandals”
“Wrap yourself & follow me”
3. Peter thought he was dreaming – 9-10
When they passed the 1st & 2nd guard
They came to iron gate which opened on its own
At that point the angel left Peter – 10
4. Peter came to himself saying -11
“Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel”
“Rescued me from the hand of Herod”
“From all that the Jewish people were expecting”

III. Peter Goes to Prayer Meeting – 12:12-17

1. Peter goes to house of Mary – 12
Mother of John, whose other name is Mark
This is where church is praying for Peter
2. Peter knocks on the door – 13-14
Rhoda, a servant girl, answers
She recognizes Peter’s voice but in joy
She did not open the door but told those gathered
3. They refused to believe her report – 15
Accusing her of “being out of her mind”
4. Peter continued to knock – 16-17
Opening the door, they were amazed - 16
Peter motioned that they be quiet – 17
He told them how the Lord got him out of prison
He told them to go tell James & the brothers
Then he left and went to another place

IV. Herod Searches for Peter – 12:18-19

1. At daybreak soldiers are disturbed – 18

2. Herod ordered a search – 19
The search came up empty
He examined the sentries with no results
He then ordered that the sentries be executed
3. Herod left Judea, went to Caesarea – 19
Spent some time there

V. God Deals With Herod – 12:20-23

1. Herod was angry with Tyre & Sidon – 20
People from these cities came in one accord
They asked the king’s chamberlain for peace
Their country depended on king’s country for food
2. Herod agreed to meet with them – 21
Dressed in his royal robes he delivered an oration
3. Impressed, the people worshipped him – 22
Shouting “the voice of a god & not of a man”
4. Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him – 23
Because he did not give God the glory
He was eaten by worms & breathed his last

V. Word of God Multiplied – 12:24-25

1. Proclamation of God’s Word increased – 24
Persecutor is gone and God prevails
2. Barnabas & Saul returned from Jerusalem – 25
They completed their mission taking the gift
3. Returning to Antioch they brought John,
Mark with them - 25