



# Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for Oct 3, 2021

*Acts Ch 13 – Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey*

# Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- ✓ **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- ✓ **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- ✓ **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

# Map of the first missionary journey of Paul



- Blue is the outbound journey
- Red is the Return
- Notice it is all in Turkey
- Names of countries in first century
- Barnabus from Cyprus
- Saul from Tarsus



# Acts Ch 13:1-3 The calling and sending

**13** <sup>1</sup> Now in **the church at Antioch** there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

<sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

<sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, **they placed their hands on them and sent them off.**

## Acts Ch 13:4-6     On Cyprus

*<sup>4</sup> The two of them, **sent on their way by the Holy Spirit**, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.*

*<sup>5</sup> When they arrived at **Salamis**, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John (Mark) was with them as their helper.*

*<sup>6</sup> They traveled through the whole island until they came to **Paphos**.*

# Map of the first missionary journey of Paul



- Started at Salamis, on the eastern end of Cyprus
- Then travelled the length of the island
- Came to Paphos on the western end of the island



# Acts Ch 13:6b-8 Opposition

*There they met a **Jewish** sorcerer and **false prophet** named **Bar-Jesus**,*

*<sup>7</sup> who was an attendant of the proconsul, **Sergius Paulus**. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.*

*<sup>8</sup> But **Elymas** the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.*

# Acts Ch 13:9-12 Paul confirms His teaching

*<sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, **looked straight at Elymas and said,** <sup>10</sup> “You are **a child of the devil** and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of **deceit and trickery**. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> **Now the hand of the Lord is against you.** You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”*

***Immediately** mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, **seeking someone to lead him by the hand.** <sup>12</sup> When the proconsul saw what had happened, **he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.***



# Map of the first missionary journey of Paul



- Now they sail to Pamphlia, to Perga
- This is still modern-day Turkey but a different Roman Region
- They then quickly move to Galatia

# Acts Ch 13:13-15 ...a disagreement and opportunity

***13 From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John (Mark) left them to return to Jerusalem.***

***14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.***

***15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, “**Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.**”***

# Acts Ch 13:16-23     *Paul's testimony*

<sup>16</sup> Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “***Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!***”

<sup>17</sup> The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country;

<sup>18</sup> for about forty years he ***endured their conduct*** in the wilderness;

<sup>19</sup> and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance.

<sup>20</sup> All this took about 450 years.

“After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.

<sup>21</sup> Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul, son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.

<sup>22</sup> After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ***‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’***



# Acts Ch 13:23-31    *Paul's testimony*

<sup>23</sup> “From **this man's** descendants God has brought to Israel the **Savior Jesus**, as he promised.

<sup>24</sup> Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.

<sup>25</sup> As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’

<sup>26</sup> “Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

<sup>27</sup> The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, **yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.**

<sup>28</sup> Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

<sup>29</sup> When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb.

<sup>30</sup> **But God raised him from the dead,** <sup>31</sup> **and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.**

# Acts Ch 13:32-37

*<sup>32</sup> “We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors*

*<sup>33</sup> he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:*

*“‘You are my son;  
today I have become your father.’*

*<sup>34</sup> God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,*

*“‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’*

*<sup>35</sup> So it is also stated elsewhere:*

*“‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’*

*<sup>36</sup> “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.*

*<sup>37</sup> But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.*

# Acts Ch 13:38-41. The closing argument

*<sup>38</sup> “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that **through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.** <sup>39</sup> Through him **everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.** <sup>40</sup> Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: ( Hab. 1:5)*

*<sup>41</sup> ““Look, you scoffers,  
**wonder and perish,**  
**for I am going to do something in your days**  
**that you would never believe,**  
**even if someone told you.’”***



# Acts Ch 13:42-43. The Result

*<sup>42</sup> As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, **the people** invited them to speak further about these things **on the next Sabbath**.*

*<sup>43</sup> When the congregation was dismissed, **many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.***

# Acts Ch 13:44-48

*44 On the next Sabbath almost **the whole city** gathered to hear the word of the Lord.*

*45 When the Jews saw the crowds, **they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.***

*46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: **“We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.”***

*47 For this is **what the Lord has commanded us:***

***“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”***

*48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.*

# Acts Ch 13:49-53 Final Results

***49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.***

***50 But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and **expelled them from their region**.***

***51 So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium.***

***52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.***



# Next week

- Pray for our church **as we speak things that some do not want to hear.**
- Pray for our Pastors and guest speakers who will address much needed prophetic topics
- Pray for our church body that they will **take these sermons to heart and do what they must do**
- Pray for our country and its leaders that God will open their minds to His plan
- If you feel the time is near, be bold and urgent to talk with and pray for those that need the Lord
- Pray for our needs as a class and keep in touch with those who have not been in a while.