

Lesson Two (January 6, 2016)

Start of First Missionary Journey

Text: Acts 13

Summary of Text:

Questions:

1. Is the Holy Spirit an “it” or a “He” according to 13:2?
2. What do we know about Cyprus (11:19-20)?
3. What we see in verses 6-8 -- opposition to the Gospel -- is this a surprise or to be expected?
4. Why would an intelligent man in verse 7 have a magician or oracle?
5. Notice the expression in verse 9 -- what did Saul/Paul do? (We will see this throughout our studies of Paul).
6. What did Paul say and do in verses 10-11?
 - a. What is unusual about this miracle that we haven't seen since the Old Testament?
 - b. Who does Paul remind us of with his passion and zeal and power?
7. In verse 13, who becomes the focus of the story?
8. Who left in verse 13?
9. What do we see Paul doing in verse 14?
10. What presented itself in verse 15?
11. Notice what Paul does physically -- we will see this again -- in verse 16?
 - a. Why does he do this?
12. What is the purpose of the history lesson in verses 16-22 to these Jews?
13. How popular was King David?
 - a. Who would this be like in our history?
14. Who does Paul tie to King David in verse 23?
 - a. Why?

15. Who does Paul bring up in verse 24?
 - a. How popular was this guy?
 - b. How much credibility did he have with jews?
16. Notice the shifting of credibility from John to _____ in verse 25 -- why did Paul do this?
17. What's the point of verse 26?
18. What is the irony in verse 27?

19. How about in verse 28?

20. If we stopped at verse 29, what would we know (from a jewish perspective) about this man who was put on a tree and died?

21. Verse 30 shifts from "men" to _____?
 - a. And what was done to Jesus?

22. What proof of this "remark-able" (perhaps "outrageous") statement is given in verse 31?

23. So the description of Paul's message is what in verse 32?
24. What's the message/point of verses 33-36?

25. What's the unusual thing Paul mentions in verse 37 about a man who died?

26. Explain the meaning of verses 38-39 and how shocking this would be to zealous jews.

27. What is the warning given in verses 40-41?

28. Immediate reaction of the crowd in verses 42-43?

29. What is the happy news in verse 44?
30. Does verse 45 surprise us?
 - a. Why or why not?

31. What Paul says in verse 46-47 would have stunned the jews -- explain what he said and why it is so shocking.

32. Evidently there were Gentiles listening (“the whole city” from verse 44) and what was their reaction to this stunning statement by Paul in verse 48?
33. But there was another reaction in verse 50 -- what was it?
34. What did Paul do symbolically and literally in verse 51?
35. Explain how verse 52 is possible from persecution?

Your questions, comments, and thoughts?

What are the practical lessons for you today?