

Lesson Three (January 10, 2016)
First Missionary Journey (continued) and Jerusalem Conference

Text: Acts 14 and 15:1-35

Summary of Text:

Questions:

1. What's the good news in 14:1?
2. Not surprisingly, what happens in 14:2?

3. What is the situation in 14:4?
4. What happens in 14:5 and what is the result in 14:6-7?

5. The bad situation in 14:8 is what?
6. Notice what Paul does in 14:9 -- does this remind us of anything from last lesson?
 - a. What do we know about the man and his faith?

7. In 14:10, did Paul speak softly or loudly?
 - a. Why?
 - b. What did he say?
 - c. What was the result of Paul's words?

 - d. Put yourself in the crowd watching this -- what would be your reaction?

8. What does the crowd conclude about Paul and Barnabas in 14:11-12?
 - a. Is this a crazy conclusion?
9. What is the plan in 14:13?
10. How do Paul and Barnabas react to being called "gods" in 14:14?

11. Summarize Paul's argument in 14:15-17.
 - a. Why didn't Paul quote from Old Testament?

 - b. Why did Paul use an argument related to material blessings?
12. Did Paul's argument work according to 14:18?
13. Things change very quickly from being gods to Paul being _____ in 14:19.

14. How tough was Paul (14:20)?
15. After doing great things in Derbe, where does Paul go back to in 14:21?
 - a. What had just happened in Lystra?
 - b. What do you make of this character Paul doing this?
16. What happened in Antioch in 14:26-28?
 - a. What is the amazing news in 14:27?
17. A problem comes in 15:1 -- what is it?
 - a. How strongly does Jesus feel about His Gospel being changed?
 - b. Why does Jesus have a right to dictate what His Gospel is and what gives Him the right to be upset if His Gospel is modified?
18. I thought debates were wrong -- explain why Paul did this unloving act in 15:2?
19. In 15:3 what is the startling news that brings joy?
20. What is the issue in 15:5?
21. What is Peter's argument in 15:8-9?
 - a. Describe the two incidents Peter is referring to and how this proves the Gentiles do not need to follow the Law of Moses.
22. Explain the final part of Peter's argument in 15:10-11.
23. What does Paul talk about in 15:12?
24. What is the argument from James (and name which James this is) in 15:13-21?
25. What's the plan?
26. Who takes the letter and why were these men selected (15:22, 27)?
27. How does the letter describe Barnabas and Paul (15:25-26)?
28. Describe what happens in 15:30-35.

Your questions, comments, and thoughts?

What are the practical lessons for you today?