



**Acts Book Study Chapters 13-14**  
**Sunday July 14, 2024**

**ACTS CHAPTER THIRTEEN (46-48 AD)**

Acts chapters 13-14 record the First missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas that took place about 46-48 AD. Please keep in mind that these reconstructed dates are only approximate.

**The Church in Antioch**

Vs 1: Prophets and teachers (Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manaen, Saul)

- We do not know if some of them were prophets and some were teachers or they were all both prophets and teachers. It is possible for people to have a different mix of gifts/callings.
- We have here the emergence of New Testament ministry gifts, which the apostle Paul wrote about later in Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:28. These are valid ministries today in the Church.
- The church at Antioch had several spiritual leaders/elders (five mentioned here), with Barnabas most likely the main leader.
- It is interesting to note the mix in leadership. They were culturally different: Barnabas possibly a wealthy man from Cyprus. Simeon (niger latin for black) could have been from Africa, possibly Cyrene in Libya, Northern Africa. Lucius also from Cyrene. Manaen a Jew who had the privilege of being raised in the palace (like a foster brother) along with Herod Antipas the Tetrarch, the son of Herod the great. Saul, a great scholar, a pharisee from Tarsus. This kind of well-mixed, diverse, leadership team served very well for the church in Antioch, which probably had believers from a wide range of backgrounds, given that Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman empire at that time.

FYI: Herod Antipas the Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea was the son of Herod the great, was the one who beheaded John the Baptist because he took his brother Philip's wife (Luke 3:19). He was in charge during Jesus' ministry and death and the Day of Pentecost.

**Vs 2: "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said...."**

The leaders took time to seek God together in worship, prayer and fasting. This is something we need to do. At APC we set aside 5 days of prayer, twice a year to spend this time in seeking the Lord together. We will increase our times of ministering to the Lord and seeking Him together.



At such moments, we can expect the Holy Spirit to speak His specific directives to us.

The Holy Spirit called out “Barnabas and Saul”....the senior-most member (Barnabas) and the newest member (Saul) in the leadership, to team-up and move out to the work He had for them.

How did the Holy Spirit speak. Since they were prophets, it is most likely through a prophetic word, which the others in the group, felt led to affirm and recognize as a true prophetic word.

Notice the open-ended call from the Holy Spirit: *“Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”* The Spirit of God did not detail, which place(s), what duration, for how long, etc. So essentially this call was for the group of elders to “release” Barnabas and Saul from being restricted to serving at Antioch and free to go wherever and do whatever the Holy Spirit would direct them.

Seems like verse 3 took place after some time, after verse 2. Possibly Barnabas and Saul took time to hear for themselves and give their “ok” to the prophetic word. The leaders got together on a subsequent occasion with prayer and fasting and prayed over and released Barnabas and Saul to move on as the Holy Spirit would direct them.

**“....they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit....” (vs 3-4)**

Sent them (released). Sent out (being dispatched). They were released by the leaders and sent out (dispatched) by the Holy Spirit.

## **Cyprus**

Cyprus was Barnabas home country. He was a resident of Cyprus and so must have been familiar with the culture here.

Salamis (vs 5)

They ministered first in the city of Salamis on the east coast of the island, preaching mainly in Jewish synagogues.

John Mark, the son of Mary in whose house the prayer meeting was held (Acts 12:12) and cousin of Barnabas (Colossians 4:10) and later the writer of the Gospel of Mark, travelled with Barnabas and Saul.

Paphos (vs 6-12)



Ministering to Sergius Paulus, the governor, an intelligent man. Elymas the sorcerer.  
Vs 9 Saul who is also called Paul.



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### **Perga**

John Mark leaves and returns to Jerusalem.

### **Vs 13 Paul and his party**

Seems like there was a transition in leadership. Paul takes the lead hereon.

### **Antioch in Pisidia (Vs 14-52)**

Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Antioch traced God's dealings with Israel from Egypt until this day, with special emphasis on the patriarch David. He pointed to Jesus as the descendant of David, pointed to His death and resurrection, and showed how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of what was spoken in the Psalms (2:7, 89:28, 16:10). This Jesus has been raised and through Him is the forgiveness of sins (vs 38-39).

### **Vs 22 David**

God testified about him "a man after my own heart, who will do all my will". To be a man after God's own heart is not only to love and pursue God wholeheartedly, but to also do all of God's will.



The Gentiles (devout proselytes) who had become Jews wanted to hear more from Paul and Barnabas (vs 42-43). The entire city showed up the next Sabbath to hear the word of God. The Jews became jealous and began to oppose the things Paul was preaching.

### **We Turn To The Gentiles (Vs 46-47)**

Another pivotal moment in the missionary work that Barnabas and Saul were doing. They decided to go to the Gentiles. They recognized their decision as in keeping with God's Word in Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 49:6.

Our decisions though sometimes necessitated by circumstances must be aligned to God's Word.

### **As Many As Had Been Appointed To Eternal Life Believed (Vs 48)**

This must be understood correctly. The word was preached. Everyone had the opportunity to believe in the Gospel message. Through the exercise of their free will each one could have believed. The correct way to understand this is that the ones who believed were the ones who became those appointed to eternal life.

The Easy To Read (ERV) version renders it very clearly:

*"When the non-Jewish people heard Paul say this, they were happy. They gave honor to the message of the Lord, and many of them believed it. These were the ones chosen to have eternal life."*

The word of the Lord spread throughout all that region (Vs 49).

Paul and Barnabas were expelled by the Jews from Antioch. They simply moved on to Iconium.

The disciples, those who had believed at Iconium, were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

## **ACTS CHAPTER FOURTEEN (46-48 AD)**

### **Iconium (vs 1-5)**

Iconium, Derbe and Lystra were three cities, quite close to each other in the district (or province) of Galatia. These three cities would be quite important later on in Paul's second missionary journey, as several of the next generation leaders as Timothy and Gaius came from Lystra and Derbe (Acts 16:1; Acts 20:4). Paul also wrote his epistle to the Galatians to the disciples in this tri-city area.



They were forced out of Iconium and came to Lystra and Derbe.

### **Lystra and Derbe (Vs 6-20)**

The preached the Gospel at Lystra.

### **Lame Man At Lystra – Had Faith To Be Healed (Vs 9)**

This man was born cripple. He heard Paul preaching the Gospel. This brought faith to be healed. So, therefore the preaching of the Gospel not only leads to faith for the eternal salvation of our souls, but also includes the supernatural healing of our sick bodies. Paul then commanded him to stand on his feet. He leaped and walked!

The healing of the lame man brought about a tremendous response from the people at Lystra: “the gods have come down to us!”. They were ready to worship Barnabas (whom they called Zeus, Jupiter) and Paul (whom they called Hermes, Mercury).

Paul and Barnabas pushed back, proclaiming the Gospel and pointing to the living God. They urged them to turn from useless things to the living God (vs 15).

Vs 17 God did not leave Himself without witness. God’s goodness expressed through His good providence in our lives (rain from heaven, fruitful seasons, food and gladness), are God’s continued witness in our lives.



### **The Apostles Barnabas And Paul (Vs 14)**

The first time Luke refers to Barnabas and Paul as “apostles”, recognizing their calling.

We have three different kinds of apostles in the New Testament:

- The twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- The New Testament apostles: like Paul, James and Jude (both half-brothers of Jesus Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3), John Mark, and Luke who were responsible for New Testament revelation (Ephesians 2:20).
- The ministry gift of apostle mentioned in Ephesians 4:11, and 1 Corinthians 12:28, those like Barnabas, Junia, others. This ministry gift of apostle is still functioning in the Church today.

### **Paul’s Supernatural Healing (Vs 19-20)**

While Paul and Barnabas were ministering in Lystra, Jews from Antioch tracked them and came all the way to Lystra. They got a mob together, caught Paul, stoned him, and dragged him out of the city thinking he was dead. An amazing miracle took place. As the disciples gathered around him, new believers at Lystra, surely praying, Paul rose up, and walked back into the city. And the next day, he moved on ahead in his travels, going to Derbe.

This had to be a miracle. A supernatural healing or a resurrection must have taken place, for a man stoned and dragged out of the city to get up, walk and be on his way the next day!

### **Appointed Elders In Every Church (Vs 23)**

Paul and Barnabas traced their return journey going through all the cities they had visited.

A key theme they emphasized at that time: "We must suffer many things on our way into God's kingdom." (Vs 22).

They appointed spiritual leaders, elders, to provide leadership. Keep in mind that everyone were new believers. So initially this term must have been used for people who were mature, older in age, and firm in their faith, who would have been selected. Later on, the term “elders” would have been more identifiable with “spiritually mature” and able to provide spiritual leadership.

### **Reported To Their Home Church (Vs 26-28)**

An important lesson to be established in and accountable to a local church community.

### **SUMMARY**



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**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL**

**SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *Please request Life group members to read Acts 13-14, before the Life Group Meeting. This can help save time.*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1, Discuss the importance of a multi-cultural leadership team at Antioch, given that Antioch was a cultural "melting pot". We read about the emergence of apostles, prophets and teachers in Acts 13 & 14. In a very simple way, let's state apostles govern, prophets guard, and teachers guide. Discuss the importance of these ministries in the church today.*





2, *Discuss Paul and Barnabas ministry at Paphos (Acts 13:6-12). The governor Sergius Paulus was an intelligent man, and yet very spiritual. What was it that saw him turn to the Lord and believe in the Gospel?*

3, *While not much is actually stated, try to imagine in detail Paul's supernatural healing (or perhaps resurrection), after being stoned and left for dead outside the city of Lystra Acts 14:19-20. What are some key insights we can apply today?*

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, *families to be protected and strengthened*

2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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### USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

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**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

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**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

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**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

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### SERMON OUTLINE

The book of Acts records the first 40 years of the Early Church. This is a book study of the Acts of the apostles, or more correctly, the acts of the Holy Spirit through the early believers. As we study the book of Acts there are two compelling perspectives that we develop: (A) the Church's DNA – what a Spirit filled church would look like and (B) how the Church would go about fulfilling the Great Commission empowered by the Holy Spirit. We glean spiritual and practical insights from each chapter and share ways we can apply these in our lives. In this sermon we cover Acts chapters 13-14. These chapters record the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas that took place about 46-48 AD. We journey with them through Paphos in Cyprus, and Antioch in Pisidia. We learn of the cripple man healed at Lystra, and the impact of the Gospel on the tri-cities of Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. We read about Paul being raised after he was stoned and left for dead outside the city of Lystra. We draw key lessons and insights as God opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

### KEYWORDS



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Acts of the apostles, book study of Acts, Gospel preaching, Spirit filled church community, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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