

Acts Chapter 14 – 2026 At Iconium; Idolatry at Lystra; Stoning, Escape to Derby; Strengthening the Converts!

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Last Week: *[13:49] And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. [50] But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. [51] But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. [52] And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

ACTS 14:1-28 – Paul and Barnabas at Iconium - *[1] Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke (preached) that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. [2] But the unbelieving (disobeying) Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds (slandered) against the brethren. [3] Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. [4] But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles. [5] And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, [6] they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. [7] And they were preaching the gospel there.*

(Wherever they went, they preached the gospel! How well does that fit you and me?)

Paul and Barnabas at Lystra - *[8] And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. [9] This man heard Paul speaking (preaching). Paul, observing him intently (steadfastly) and seeing that he had faith (spiritual discernment?) to be healed, [10] said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" (gift of faith) And he leaped and walked. [11] Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" [12] And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. [13] Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. [14] But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out (giving all glory to God!) [15] and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who with the same nature (do you see yourself like this?) made the heaven – Paul refers to creation with Gentiles, rather than history -(Rom 1:20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, - the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, [16] who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. [17] Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." [18] And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.*

Paul Stoned at Lystra - [19] Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. [20] However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, [22] strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." [23] So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Paul and Barnabas Return to Antioch in Syria

[24] And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. [25] Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. [26] From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. [27] Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. [28] So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

SUMMARY:

Chapter 14 – One of the most notable features of Paul and Barnabas' missionary journey, was the sense of Divine direction. It was the Holy Spirit Himself who told the church of Antioch to set Barnabas and Saul apart; Who sent them out; Who led them from place to place; and Who gave power to their preaching, so that converts were made and churches planted. The sending church had committed them to the grace of God for their work, and on their return they reported all that God had done through them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. True, He had done the work with them, in co-operation or partnership with them, but He had done it, and they gave Him the credit. The grace had come from Him; the glory must go to Him.

PRAY TODAY FOR: Our Nation; Our President and leaders; Upcoming election; against Democratic Socialists of America (DSA); For the Church; for Christians to vote! For our reading, meditating, the Word of God every day!

MORE LOVE, MORE POWER – Jude Del Hiero/Michael W Smith (2:17)

*More love, more power More of You in my life More love, more power More of You in my life
And I will worship You with all of my heart I will worship You with all of my mind
I will worship You with all my strength For You are my Lord
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(2Co 2:14-16) Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. [15] For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. [16] To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

(2Co 3:5-6) Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, [6] who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.