

Acts 13 Paul's
First Missionary Journey

Set Apart for the work (Acts 13 : 1-3)

Chapters 13-28 OVERVIEW:

Main Man? Main City? Main People?

v.1 Prophets and teachers... *What's the difference?*

v.1 Barnabas – *Where all have we met him so far ?*

Acts 4:36f; 9:27; 11:22-26



Antioch shows World-Wide spread of Gospel

Simeon – name says he's probably of Jewish heritage

Lucius – name suggests a gentile & from N. Africa

Manaen – his foster brother is Herod, a pagan enemy

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Acts Timeline

- Ascension & Pentecost 30 A.D.
 - Stephen killed 34-35 A.D.
 - Great Persecution 35-36 A.D.
 - Saul's Conversion 38-40 A.D.
 - Cornelius' Conversion 39-40 A.D.
 - Herod Agrippa I dies 44 A.D.
 - Paul's 1st Journey 47-48 A.D.
- 10 Years**

Set Apart for the work (Acts 13 : 1-3)

v.2 While they were ministering to the Lord...

*God used those ALREADY busy and committed.
Not some apathetic, barely interested just hanging on.*

v.2 Set apart Barnabas & Saul for the work to which I have called them.

**Test Men 1st
1 Tim 3:10**

**We don't support preachers just cuz' they ask to be!
Must demonstrate competence & faithfulness first !**

v.3 They fasted & prayed and laid hands on them..

a. Fasting— when time is appropriate (Mt 9:15)

b. Laying hands— shows approval (1 Tim 5:22)

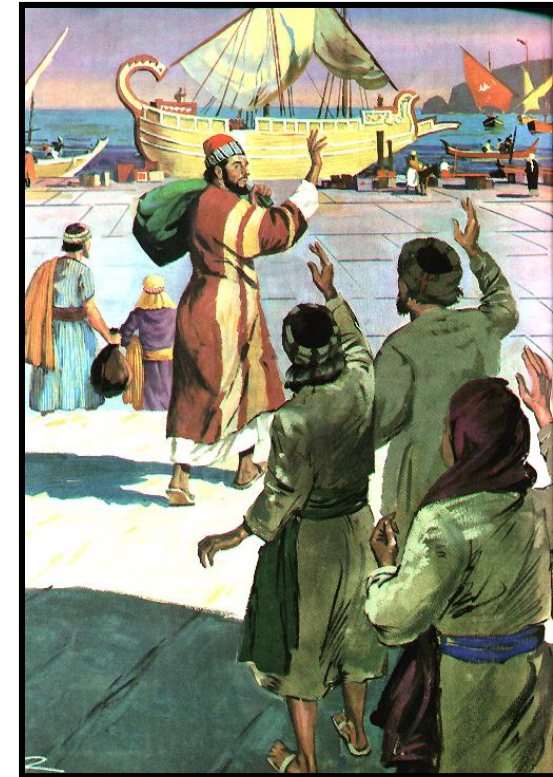
First Missionary Journey: Cyprus (Acts 13: 4-12)

v.4 So being sent forth by the *Holy Spirit*...

- Done when the church obeyed the Spirit's Words. Spirit makes elders revealing God's instruction (Acts 20:28, 1 Tim 3:1-7)

v.4 They went down to Seleucia.

Antioch's seaport 16 miles from Antioch. Named for Seleucus, successor to Alexander The great.



Seleucia by the sea — Wealthy.

A city of about 30, 000 at that time.



ANTIOCH

SELEUCIA

CYPRUS

JERUSALEM

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v. 4 They went down to Seleucia *Syrian Sea Port for Antioch*



**Seleucia
Harbor from N
and Mt Casius**



**Seleucia
Ancient
Harbor**

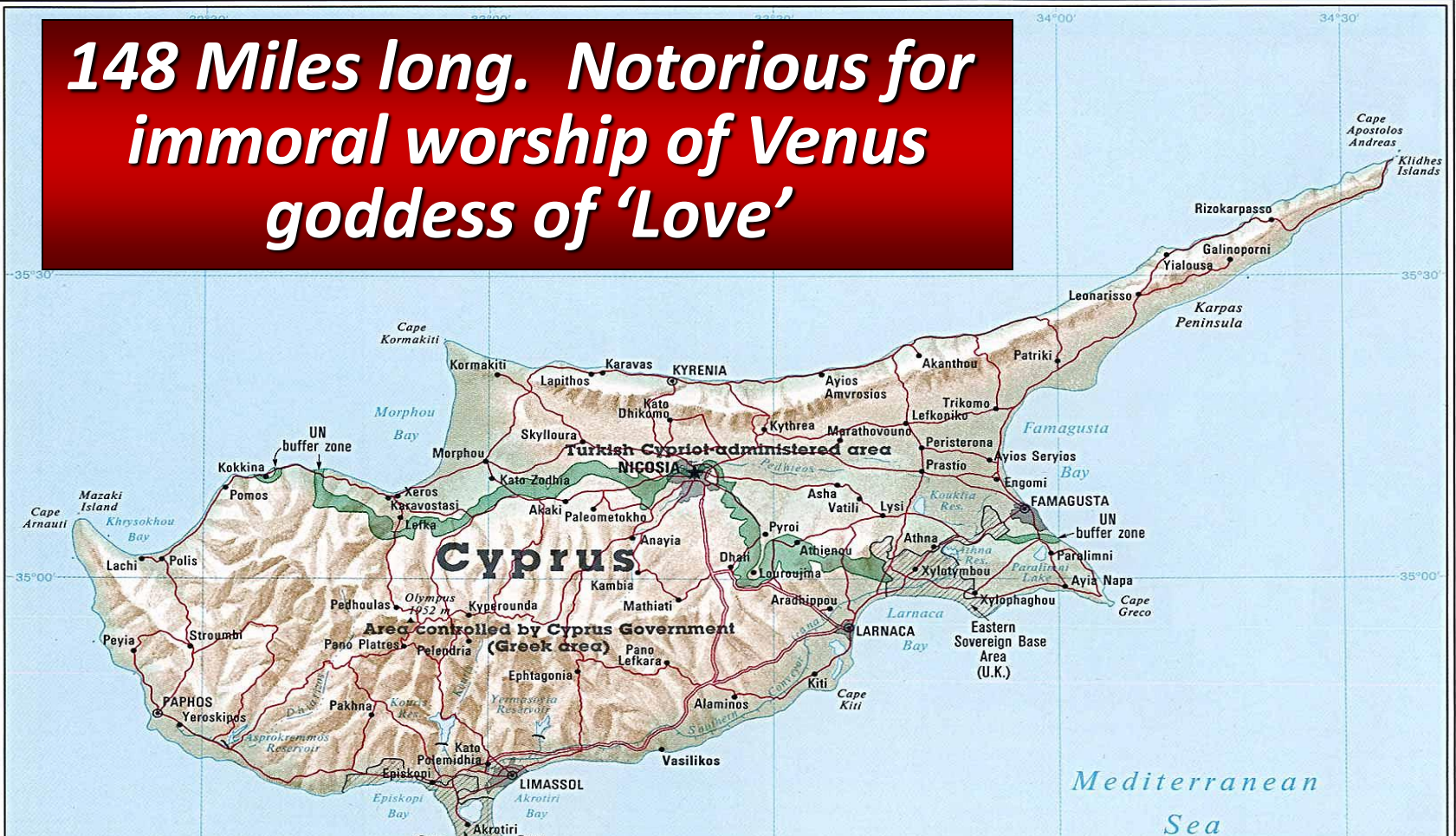




v.4 from there they sailed to Cyprus

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148 Miles long. Notorious for immoral worship of Venus goddess of 'Love'



In this unpromising soil, Christianity took early root. Saints migrated here from persecution. (11:19-20)

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Cyprus



First Missionary Journey: Cyprus (Acts 13: 4-12)

v.5 They reached Salamis and began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews



Salamis: A city on a harbor in the East end of Cyprus. Herod the Great farmed the Cyprian copper mines, this brought many Jews there. (Josephus, Ant. 14:4, section 5).

First Missionary Journey: Cyprus (Acts 13: 4-12)

v.5 And they had **John** as their helper.
What's John's **OTHER** name? (Acts 12:12)



v.6 When they had gone thru the **WHOLE** island..
They've preached in cities for over 100 MILES

First Missionary Journey: Cyprus (Acts 13: 4-12)

v.6 They had gone as far as Paphos – West end of Cyprus

v.6 A certain magician, a Jewish false prophet.. Bar-Jesus... Elymas was with Proconsul Sergius Paulus a man of intelligence.

v. 7 This man Summoned Barnabas and Saul & sought to hear the word of God.



A Proconsul answered to the Roman Senate

First Missionary Journey: Cyprus (Acts 13:4-12)

Acts 13:8 But Elymas the magician ...**was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.**

v.9 **Saul**.. This is the last time he is called by his Hebrew name.

Also known as **PAUL**- Perhaps given by the Romans.

v.10 **You full of dectiet**: Note Paul's 4 point rebuke !

v.11 **You will be blind**: Let fake healers try this today

v.12 **The Proconsul believed**: Purpose (Jn 20:30-31)

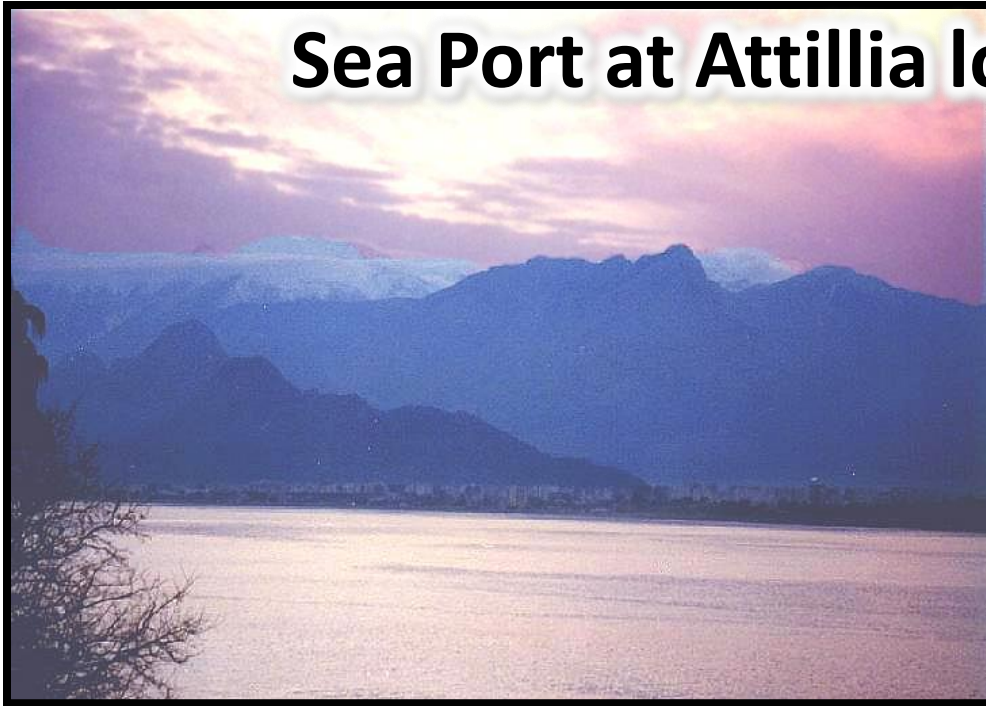


Paul's First Journey



First Missionary Journey to Antioch

First Missionary Journey--Asia Minor



Sea Port at Attilia looking toward Taurus Mountains

No wonder John turned back at Perga (Acts 13:23)

Paul came in May when the passes would be cleared of snow (Acts 13:13). But now the small missionary band must climb the Taurus mountains and head into the central highlands.

First Missionary Journey: Perga (Acts 13:13)



v.13 Paul & his companions came to **Perga**

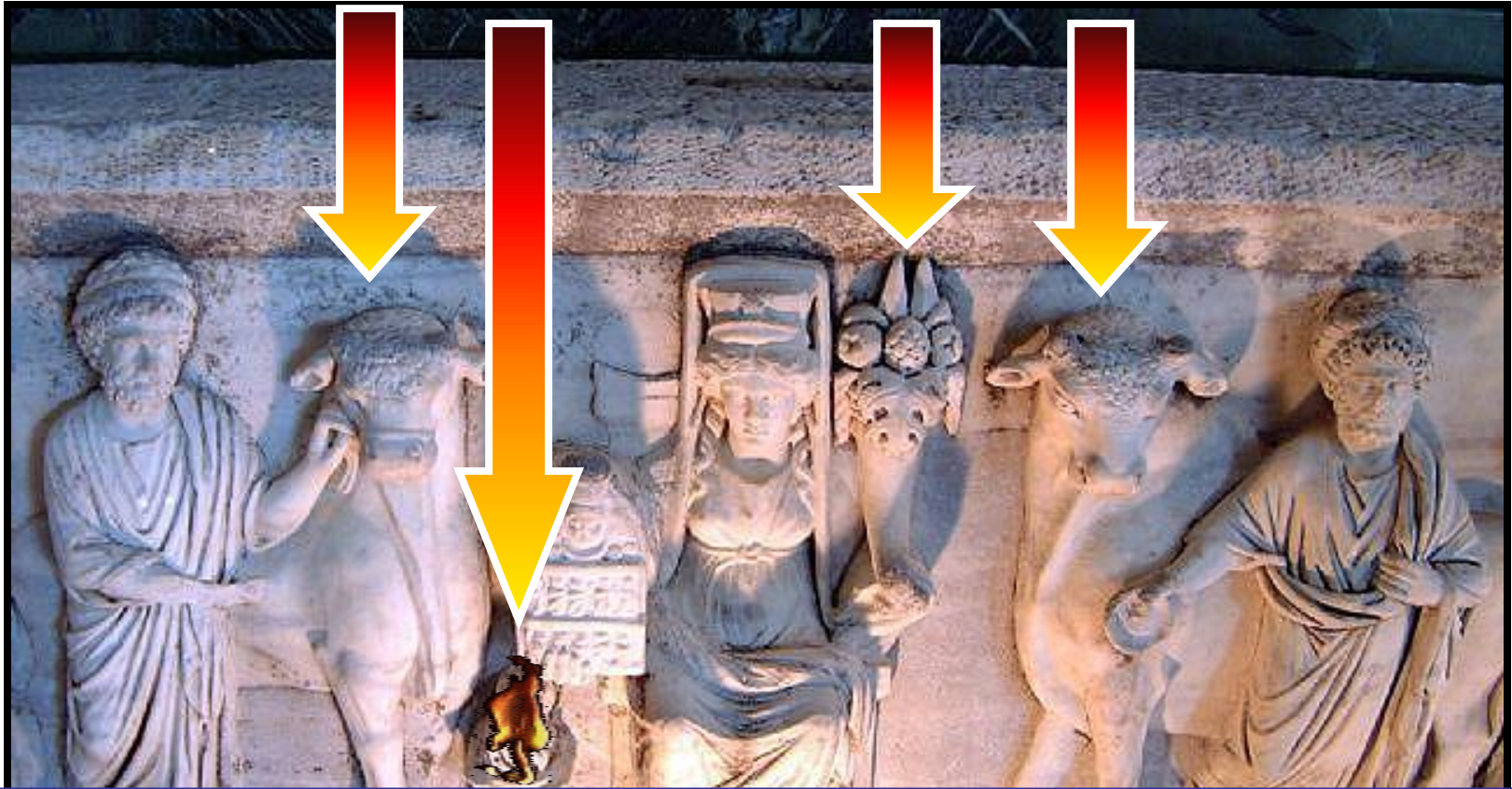
Perga was a city in southern Asia Minor.

It had impressive gates, towers, aqueducts, & public buildings.



It had a stadium & theater. It's gymnasium was adorned with statues & was dedicated to the emperor Claudius.

First Missionary Journey: Perga (Acts 13:13)



Frieze from Perga's theater showing deity holding cornucopia in her left hand. An altar with flames near right hand. Worshippers bringing bulls to sacrifice. [Paul's work is cut out for him.]

First Missionary Journey: Perga (Acts 13:13)



Incense altar found at Perga, about 3 ft. tall

Sacrificial Bull with garlands & human faces on either side.

At Lystra the priest of Zeus brought bulls and wreaths to sacrifice to Barnabas and Paul !

“The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates & wanted to offer sacrifice...” Acts 14:13

First Missionary Journey: Perga (Acts 13:13)



Now the *Tuff Part* of the Journey Begins

First Missionary Journey: Perga (Acts 13:13)



v.13 John left them & returned to Jerusalem

What ever the reason-- it was obviously *weak*.
(Acts 15:37-39)

There were *mountain passes* to cross, *rivers* to ford, *deprivations* & *weather* to endure, bands of *thieves* to withstand. This may have been more than the young man was willing to face. It would go from adventure to abject **FEAR**. (2 Cor 11:26)

Antioch Sermon (Acts 13 : 14-48)

v.14 They arrived at Pisidian Antioch ...



Antioch Sermon (Acts 13 : 14-48)

13:14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at *Pisidian Antioch*.

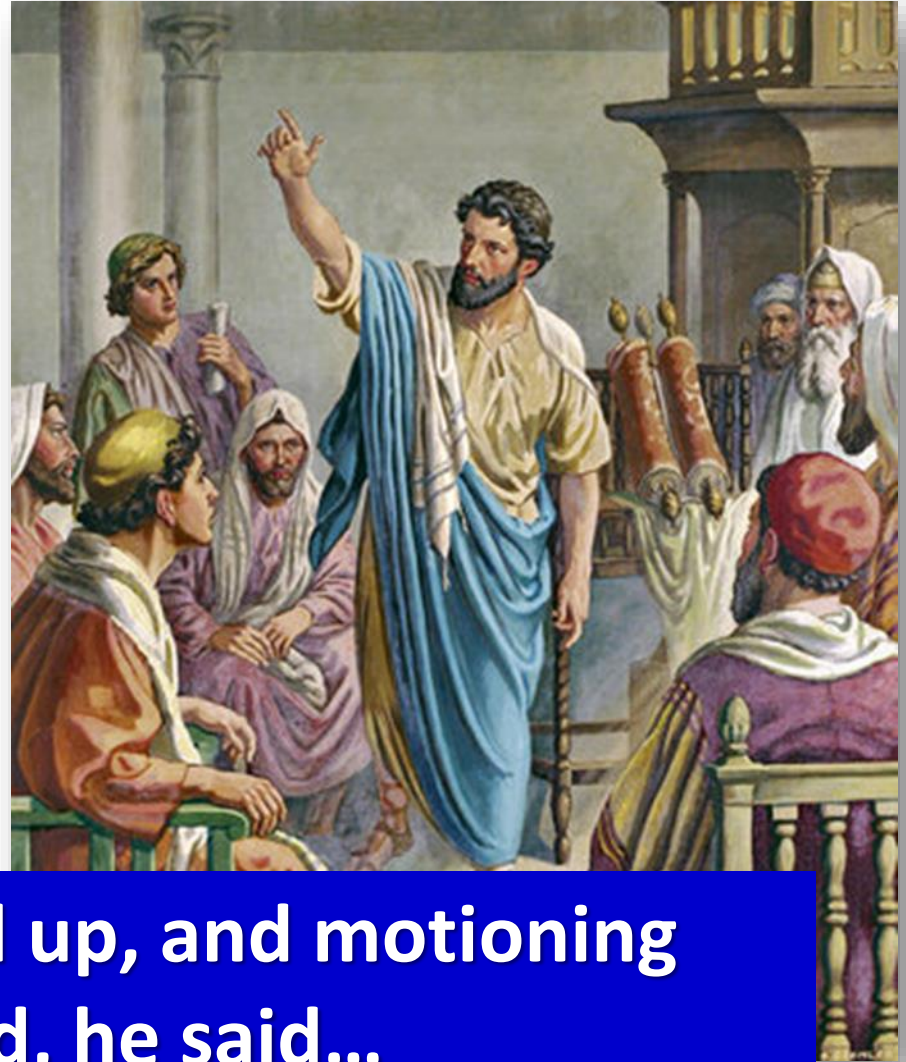
And on the Sabbath day they went into the *synagogue* & sat down.



Paul's approach: (Acts 17:1-2) They came to Thessalonica, where there *was a synagogue of the Jews. And according to Paul's custom..*"

Antioch Sermon (Acts 13 : 14-48)

Acts 13:15 And after the reading of the Law & the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "*Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.*"



13:16 And Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand, he said...

Antioch Sermon (Acts 13 : 14-48)

They Agree with the OT. v.16-22

v.17 God led Israel out of Egypt

v.18 They were in Wilderness 40 yrs

v.19 Seven nations destroyed in Canaan

v.20 They had judges & asked for a king

v.21 They were given Saul as king

v.21 Then king David foretold the Christ

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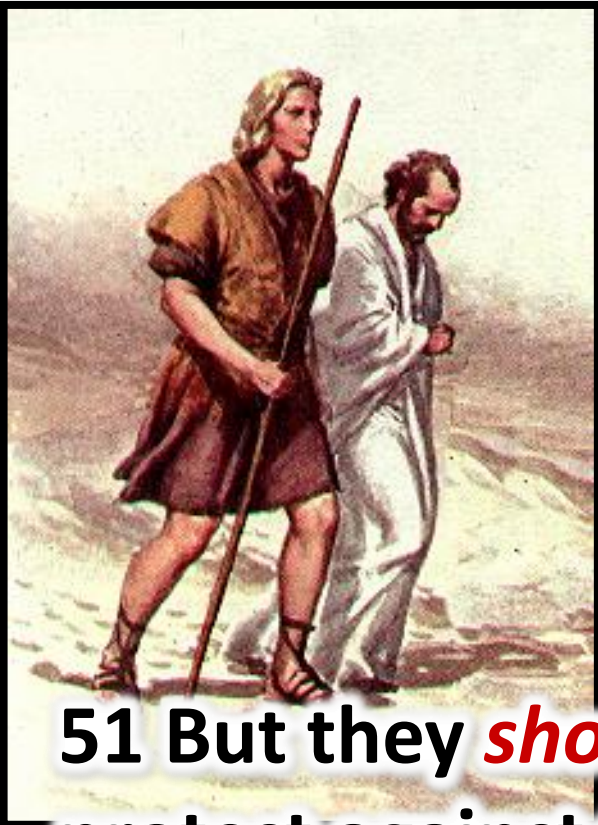
What they Needed to Understand v. 32-41

JESUS OF NAZARETH

1. God raised savior, Jesus (Acts 13:23-24)
2. The Jews killed him (Acts 13:27-29)
3. God raised him (Acts 13:30-37)
4. Sins forgiven by him (Acts 13:38-39)
5. God working today (Acts 13:40-41)

Popularity then persecution (Acts 13:42-50)

Persecution in Antioch (Acts 13 : 49-52)



Acts 13:50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, & instigated *a persecution against Paul* and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

51 But they *shook off the dust* of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

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