Acts 13:4-14:28

Barnabas, Paul, and John in Cyprus (13:4-12)

* “They proclaimed the word of God

in the synagogues” (v5)

* “a magician, a Jewish false prophet

named Bar-Jesus.” (v6)

* + Bar-jesus = Elymas
  + Saul=Paul
* “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness,

full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making

crooked the straight paths of the Lord?” (v10)

* + What happened to Christian love?

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* Elymas struck blind… “Then the proconsul believed” (v12)
* “For he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.” (v12)

Barnabas and Paul in Antioch Pisidia (13:13-50)

* Paul gives the background for the Messiah (v13-25)
  + “on the Sabbath, they went to the synagogue and sat” (v14)
  + “If you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it” (v15)
    - the synagogue rulers invite them to speak!
  + “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen” (v16)
    - Who’s the audience?
  + Paul summarizes the story of the old testament (v17-22)
    - Would you be able to do that? Why or why not?
  + “Of this man’s offspring, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.” (v23)
    - Where did he promise that? (cf. Acts 13:33-35; Ps 2; Is 55; Ps 16; Sam 7)
* Paul supports the resurrection with Scripture (v26-37)
  + “because they did not recognize him or understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.” (v27)
  + “for David… fell asleep… and saw corruption, But he whom God raised up did not see corruption.” (v36-37)
* Paul gives an application (v38-41)
  + “Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” (v38)
  + “Everyone who believes is justified…” the way you couldn’t be with the law. (v39) (cf. Galatians, Romans arguments)
* The people want more, but the leaders don’t (v42-50)
  + “Many jews and devout converts to Judaism followed” (v430
  + “It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy *of eternal life*, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.”(v46)
    - Why do they go to the Gentiles? (2 reasons)
  + Gentiles believe… “and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. (v48)



Barnabas and Paul in Iconium (13:51-14:7)

* “But they shook off the dust from their feet

against them and went to Iconium” (v13:51)

* “they remained a long time speaking boldly

for the Lord... grace… wonders” (v14:3)

* they fled to Lystra because they heard of an

attempted stoning. (v14:5-6)

Barnabas and Paul in Lystra (14:8-28)

* Paul heals a cripple (v8-10)
  + “seeing that he had faith to be saved” (v9)
  + he sprang up! (v10)
* The people praise them (v11-18)
  + “Barnabas they called Zeus and Paul Hermes” (v12)
  + “We also are men, of like nature with you… turn to a living God” (v15)
    - What “supports” do they give to persuade the people not to sacrifice to them?
* Paul stoned by previously-seen Jews (v19-23)
  + “Jews from Antioch and Iconium” (v19)
  + “he rose up and entered the city” (v20)
  + Went to Derbe, and then retraced their steps doing discipleship.
  + “through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” (v22)
  + they appointed elders in every church (v23)
* Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch (v24-28)
  + “They declared all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.” (v27)
  + “And they remained no little time with the disciples.” (v28)