

# WALK WITH US THROUGH PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13:1–14:28

13 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

*Acts 11:20*

*“Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the Good News about the Lord Jesus.”*

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While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

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So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

*Acts 9:15*

*“This man is my chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for My name.”*

## **Paul and Barnabas Preach in Cyprus**

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So Barnabas and Saul, sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

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When they arrived in Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. (Now they also had John as their assistant.)

*Acts 12:12*

*“When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.”*

**Colossians 4:10**

“Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas {concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you welcome him.”

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When they had crossed over the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus,

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who was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God.

**Acts 10:2**

“a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.”

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But the magician Elymas (for that is the way his name is translated) opposed them, trying to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

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But Saul (also known as Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, stared straight at him

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and said, “You who are full of all deceit and all wrongdoing, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness—will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?”

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Now look, the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind, unable to see the sun for a time!”

**John 8:44:**

“You belong to your father, the Devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire”.

Immediately mistiness and darkness came over him, and he went around seeking people to lead him by the hand.

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Then when the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, because he was greatly astounded at the teaching about the Lord.

## PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY—Part 2

13 From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia where John left them to return to Jerusalem. 14 From Perga they went on Pisidian Antioch.

**Acts 15:38**

“But Paul them one who had withdrawn from them Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.”,

**Galatians 4:13**

“As you know it was because of an illness that I first preached the Gospel to you.”

**Acts 14:25:**

“and when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.”

On the Sabbath Day they entered the Synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the Synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.”

16 So Paul stood up, gestured with his hand, and said,

“Men of Israel, and you Gentiles who fear God, listen:

17 The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay as foreigners in the country of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

18 For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave his people their land as an inheritance.

20 All this took about 450 years.

**Deuteronomy 7:1–3.**

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—

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and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

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Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

After this he gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.

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Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.

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After removing him, God raised up David their king. He testified about him: ‘*I have found David* the son of Jesse *to be a man after my heart*, who will accomplish everything I want him to do.’

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From the descendants of this man God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, just as he promised.

**1 Samuel 13:1**

“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

**1 Samuel 16:12–13**

“So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.”

**Psalms 89:20**

“I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.”

**Isaiah 44:28**

“who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, “Let it be rebuilt,” and of the temple, “Let its foundations be laid.””

**2 Samuel 7:12–13**

“When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**Isaiah 11:1**

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”

<sup>24</sup>

Before Jesus arrived, John had proclaimed a baptism for repentance to all the people of Israel.

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But while John was completing his mission, he said repeatedly, ‘What do you think I am? I am not he. But look, one is coming after me. I am not worthy to untie the sandals on his feet!’

<sup>26</sup>

Brothers, descendants of Abraham’s family, and those Gentiles among you who fear God, the message of this salvation has been sent to us.

**John 1:20**

[John] “confessed freely, ‘I am not the Christ.’”

**Luke 3:16**

“John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

## PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY—Part 3

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For the people who live in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and they fulfilled the sayings of the prophets that are read every Sabbath by condemning him.

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Though they found no basis for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

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When they had accomplished everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb.

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But God raised him from the dead,

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and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These are now his witnesses to the people.

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And we proclaim to you the good news about the promise to our ancestors,

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that this promise God has fulfilled to us, their children, by raising Jesus,

as also it is written in the second psalm, '*You are my Son; today I have fathered you.*'

**Romans 1:4**

that Jesus Christ our Lord was declared with the power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead."

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But regarding the fact that he has raised Jesus from the dead, never again to be in a state of decay, God has spoken in this way:

*'I will give you the holy and trustworthy promises made to David.'*

**Isaiah 55:3**

"Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David."

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Therefore he also says in another psalm, '*You will not permit your Holy One to experience decay.*'

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For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, died, was buried with his ancestors, and experienced decay,

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but the one whom God raised up did not experience decay.

**Psalm 16:10**

"because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay."

**Acts 2:27**

"because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay."

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Therefore let it be known to you, brothers, that through this one forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

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and by this one everyone who believes is justified from everything from which the law of Moses could not justify you.

**Galatians 2:16**

"We know that a man is not justified by observing the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ."

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Watch out, then, that what is spoken about by the prophets does not happen to you:

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*'Look, you scoffers: be amazed and perish! For I am doing a work in your days, a work you would never believe, even if someone tells you.'*

**Habakkuk 1:5**

"Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

## PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY—Part 4

As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people were urging them to speak about these things on the next Sabbath.

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When the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who were speaking with them and were persuading them to continue in the grace of God.

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On the next Sabbath almost the whole city assembled together to hear the word of the Lord.

But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and they began to contradict what Paul was saying by reviling him.

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Both Paul and Barnabas replied courageously, "It was necessary to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we are turning to the Gentiles.

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For this is what the Lord has commanded us: *'I have appointed you to be a light for the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'*

**Isaiah 49:6**

"he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

**Luke 2:32**

"a light for the revelation to the Gentiles" "This is what the Lord has commanded us."

When the Gentiles heard this, they began to rejoice and praise the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed for eternal life believed.



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So the word of the Lord was spreading through the entire region.

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But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high social standing and the prominent men of the city,

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They also spoke to some rich women who worshipped God. The Jewish leaders told them bad things about Paul and Barnabas. So, these important people started to speak against Paul and Barnabas. They caused Paul and Barnabas to leave that region.<sup>51</sup> So Paul and Barnabas cleaned the dirt of that place off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

**Luke 10:10-11**

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“But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,

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‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’”

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

**Acts 14:22**

“strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.”

### **Paul and Barnabas at Iconium**

14 The same thing happened in Iconium when Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a large group of both Jews and Greeks believed.

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But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

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So they stayed there for a considerable time, speaking out courageously for the Lord, who testified to the message of his grace, granting miraculous signs and wonders to be performed through their hands.

**Hebrews 2:4**

“God also testified to [this salvation] by signs, wonders, and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

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But the population of the city was divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

When both the Gentiles and the Jews (together with their rulers) made an attempt to mistreat them and stone them,

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Paul and Barnabas learned about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding region.

There they continued to proclaim the good news.

**Acts 14:19**

“Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.”

**Matthew 10:23,**

“When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

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In Lystra sat a man who could not use his feet, lame from birth, who had never walked.

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This man was listening to Paul as he was speaking. When Paul stared intently at him and saw he had faith to be healed,

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he said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man leaped up and began walking.

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So when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

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They began to call Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

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The priest of the temple of Zeus, located just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

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But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup> "Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men, with human natures just like you! We are proclaiming the good news to you, so that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them.

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In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways,

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yet he did not leave himself without a witness by doing good, by giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying you with food and your hearts with joy."

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Even by saying these things, they scarcely persuaded the crowds not to offer sacrifice to them.

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and after winning the crowds over, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, presuming him to be dead.

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But after the disciples had surrounded him, he got up and went back into the city. On the next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

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After they had proclaimed the good news in that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch.

**2 Timothy 3:10, 11**

“You . . . Know . . . What kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, The persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.”

They strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, “We must enter the kingdom of God through many persecutions.”

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When they had appointed elders for them in the various churches, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the protection of the Lord in whom they had believed.

**Acts 13:2–3**

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While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

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So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

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Then they passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia,

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and when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

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From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

**Acts 13:13**

“From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia where John left them to return to Jerusalem.”

On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

28. And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.