

THE BOOK OF
ACTS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 14

Message + Mission + Multiply

Acts 14: 1 NIV

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed.



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Acts 14: 2 NIV

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

Question

Who are the Jews
turning against
Jesus?

Question

Why?

Question

Can you think of ways that they could stir things up and poison minds?

Question

What do most people typically want to do when trouble or persecution show up?

Acts 14: 3 NIV

So Paul and Barnabas **spent considerable time there**, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

Question

Why is this response different than what happened in the previous chapter?

Acts 13: 50 NIV

But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

Acts 13: 51 NIV

So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium.

Question

What does this
little two letter
word reveal to us?

Acts 14: 3 NIV

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Question

What was the purpose of the miracles Paul and Barnabas were performing?

Acts 14: 3 NIV

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Acts 14: 4 NIV

The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles.

Question

What can create
division in the
world?

Please turn to:
Matthew 10: 34

Matthew 10: 34-36 NIV

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10: 34-36 NIV

*For I have come to turn
“ ‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her
mother,
a daughter-in-law against
her mother-in-law—
a man’s enemies will be the
members of his own
household.*

Question

What creates
division in the
Church?

Please turn to:
James 4: 1-2

James 4: 1-2 NIV

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

James 4: 1-2 NIV

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

Please turn to:
Galatians 5: 19-21

Galatians 5: 19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,

Galatians 5: 19-21 NLT

, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Sin is what creates
division in the
Church!

Acts 14: 5 NIV

There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them.

Question

What does division typically lead to?

Galatians 5: 19-21 NLT

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Acts 14: 6-7 NIV

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Question

What happens to the Gospel when persecution hits?



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Acts 14: 8 NIV

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked.

Question

What is the significance of the fact that this man has never walked?

Acts 14: 9 NIV

He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed

Question

What was Paul speaking about?

Acts 14: 6-7 NIV

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Acts 14: 9 NIV

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Question

What do you think
Paul saw?

Acts 14: 9 NIV

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healed

sózó: to save

Original Word: σώζω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: sózó

Phonetic Spelling: (sode'-zo)

Definition: to save

*Usage: I save, heal, preserve,
rescue.*

sózō is the root of:

- sōtér ("Savior")
- sōtēría ("salvation")
- sōtérion ("saved/rescued from destruction and brought into divine safety").

Acts 14: 10 NIV

and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

Acts 14: 11 NIV

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

Acts 14: 12 NIV

Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.



Paul

The description in the Acts of Paul and Thecla is as follows: "A man small in size, bald-headed, bandy-legged, well-built, with eyebrows meeting, rather long-nosed, full of grace.

Acts 14: 13 NIV

The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

Question

What do you think
many people
would do if they
were treated like a
god?

Acts 14: 14 NIV

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:

Acts 14: 15 NIV

“Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.”

Acts 14: 16-17 NIV

In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

Question

What is the difference between how they presented the Gospel to the Jews and how they are presenting to those in Lystra?

Please turn to:
Romans 1: 19-20

Romans 1: 19-20 NIV

since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

Romans 1: 19-20 NIV

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Acts 14: 18 NIV

*Even with these words,
they had difficulty keeping
the crowd from sacrificing
to them.*

Acts 14: 19 NIV

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over.

Question

How do you think
the Jews won the
crowd over?

Acts 14: 19 NIV

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.

Acts 14: 20 NIV

But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Question

Would you have
wanted to back to
the city?

Question

Why do you think Paul went right back to the city immediately after he got up?



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Acts 14: 21 NIV

*They preached the gospel
in that city and won a
large number of disciples.
Then they returned to
Lystra, Iconium and
Antioch,*



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Acts 14: 22 NIV

*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.*

Question

What does that
statement say to
you?

Acts 14: 23 NIV

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 14: 24-25 NIV

After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.



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Acts 14: 26 NIV

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



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Acts 14: 27 NIV

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.

Question

Why is it important
that we share our
Christian experiences
with others in the
Church?

Acts 14: 28 NIV

And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

Next Week

Please Read

Acts 15: 1-35