



**S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

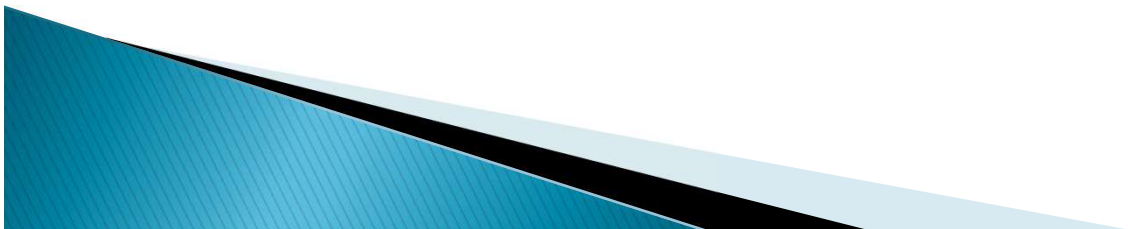
Acts 13 & 14

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One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3  
Paul's Route

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# Chapter 14

- ▶ 14:1–7
  - Iconium
- ▶ 14:6–20
  - Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding region
- ▶ 14:21–23
  - Return trip through the same cities
- ▶ 14:24–28
  - Return to Antioch and reporting to the church



# The Return Trip

- ▶ The shortest route by far back to Antioch would be through the Cilician Gates.
- ▶ Returned through the cities of persecution
  - Courage
  - Others' spiritual need about their own physical safety
- ▶ Matthew 28:18–20



# Strengthening The Souls of the Disciples

- ▶ Establishing, grounding
  - In the truth
  - Example, teaching, appointing elders
- ▶ Exhorting to continue in the faith
  - Then it is possible to discontinue in the faith!
- ▶ Through many tribulations must enter the kingdom of God
  - Idolaters?
  - Angry Jews?
  - Family ties, social ties?
  - Temptations



# “We Must Through Many Tribulations Enter The Kingdom of God”

- ▶ We
- ▶ Tribulation entering
  - Colossians 1:13
- ▶ To receive everlasting kingdom in heaven
  - 2 Peter 1:11
- ▶ We must
  - Grow in the faith
  - Endure tribulation
    - Revelation 2:10



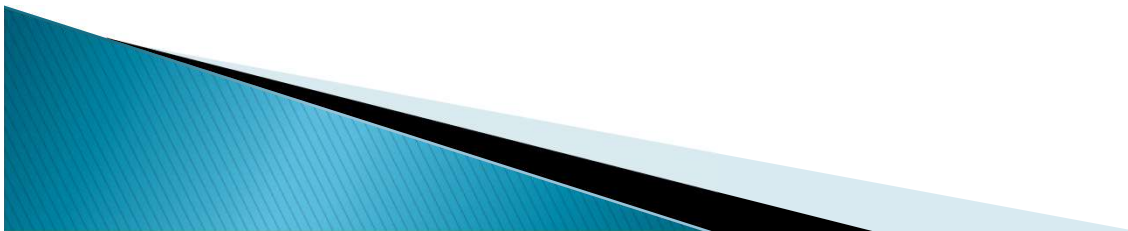
# “Appointed Elders in Every Church”

- ▶ Acts 11:30
- ▶ Plurality
- ▶ Will learn much more through the New Testament
  - Harmonizing all the facts
  - Acts 20:28
  - 1 Peter 5:1–3
  - Qualifications in Titus and 1 Timothy
- ▶ Commended them (the disciples) to the Lord
  - “Entrusted”
    - Matthew 28:20




# Back in Antioch

- ▶ Where...
  - They had been commended to the grace of God for the work
  - A work they had completed
- ▶ Reported...
  - All that God had done with them
  - That God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles
    - Began with preaching to Jews; became a trip where Gentiles were receiving the Word
- ▶ Stayed there a long time with the disciples



# First Preaching Journey

- ▶ **Salamis**
    - Island of Cyprus
    - Barnabas & John Mark
    - 13:4–5
    - Preached in the synagogues
  - ▶ **Paphos**
    - Island of Cyprus
    - Barnabas & John Mark
    - 13:6–12
    - Taught Sergius Paulus, the proconsul
    - Elymas struck blind
  - ▶ **Perga**
    - Region of Pamphylia
    - 13:13
    - John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem
    - Acts 15:38
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# First Preaching Journey

## ▶ Antioch

- Region of Pisidia, part of Galatia
- Paul and Barnabas
- 13:14–52
- Preached in the synagogue
- Gentiles receptive; Jews rejected
- Persecuted and expelled from the region
- 2 Timothy 3:11

## ▶ Iconium

- Lycaonia, part of Galatia
- Paul and Barnabas
- 14:1–6
- Preached in the synagogue
- Jew and Gentile believed, but Jews poisoned minds of the brethren
- P&B waxed bold and continued preaching with signs confirming
- Violent attempt to abuse and stone
- 2 Timothy 3:11



# First Preaching Journey

## ▶ Lystra

- Lycaonia, part of Galatia
- Paul and Barnabas
- 14:7–20
- Lame man healed
- Preached to idolaters
- Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and stoned Paul; left for dead outside the city
- 2 Tim 3:11; Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:4 2 Timothy 1:2; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 2 Corinthians 11:25

## ▶ Derbe

- Lycaonia, part of Galatia
- Paul & Barnabas
- 14:20–21
- Made many disciples
- Acts 20:4



# First Preaching Journey

## ▶ Return trip:

- Lystra
- Iconium
- Antioch of Pisidia
  - Strengthened the souls of the disciples
  - Exhorting them to continue in the faith
  - Appointed elders in every church
  - Commended them to the Lord
- Perga
  - Preached here this time
- Attalia
- Antioch of Syria



# Chapter 15

- ▶ 15:1–3
  - Conflict in Antioch
- ▶ 15:4–29
  - The meeting in Jerusalem
- ▶ 15:30–35
  - Teaching & encouragement in Antioch
- ▶ 15:36–41
  - Division over John Mark and new journeys



# The Issue

- ▶ What the issue is
- ▶ Seriousness of the issue
  - What is at stake?
- ▶ Effect of this issue
- ▶ How the issue was dealt with in Antioch
- ▶ Impacts of a heresy

