

*Antioch of Syria: Starting point for Paul's other missionary journeys (Acts 15:35-41; 18:22-23)*

I. In Antioch of Syria (1-3)

a. Chosen (1-2)

Herod Antipas  
 Luke 3:1

b. Commended (3)  
 -Acts 14:26

II. In Cyprus (4-12)

a. Openness (4-7)

Paul consistently went first to the synagogues. Why?

Governor of a Roman Senatorial Province

b. Opposition (8-11)

Arabic for "Wise Man" or "Expert"

Elymas was seeking to defeat the messengers of God

c. Obedience (12)

III. In Perga (13)

IV. In Antioch of Pisidia (14-52)

<sup>1</sup> Now there were in the church at **Antioch** prophets and teachers, **Barnabas**, Simeon who was called **Niger**, **Lucius of Cyrene**, **Manaen** a member of the court of **Herod the tetrarch**, and **Saul**.

<sup>2</sup> 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." *Luke 18:12; Acts 14:23*

<sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they **laid their hands on them** and sent them off. *Home of Barnabas Gen 48:13; Num 27:23*

<sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to **Seleucia**, and from there they sailed to **Cyprus**. *Seaport of Antioch*

<sup>5</sup> When they arrived at **Salamis**, they proclaimed the word of God in the **synagogues of the Jews**. And they had **John** to assist them.

<sup>6</sup> When they had gone through the whole island as far as **Paphos**, they came upon a certain **magician**, a **Jewish false prophet** named **Bar-Jesus**. *{Bar = Son of...}*

<sup>7</sup> He was with the **proconsul, Sergius Paulus**, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

<sup>8</sup> But **Elymas** the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) **opposed them**, seeking to **turn the proconsul away from the faith**.

<sup>9</sup> But **Saul**, who was also called **Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

<sup>10</sup> and said, "**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?"

<sup>11</sup> And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be **blind and unable to see the sun for a time**." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.

<sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul **believed**, **when he saw what had occurred**, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to **Perga in Pamphylia**. And **John left them** and returned to Jerusalem,

<sup>14</sup> but they went on from Perga and came to **Antioch in Pisidia**. And on the Sabbath day they **went into the synagogue** and sat down.

<sup>15</sup> After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "**Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it**."

<sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "**Men of Israel** and you who fear God, listen.

<sup>17</sup> The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

<sup>18</sup> And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

I Cor 12:1-11  
 I Cor 14:1-25  
 Eph 4:10-16

Acts 11:20  
 Rom 16:21

Barnabas:  
 -Acts 4:36-37  
 -Acts 9:26-30  
 -Acts 11:22-30

Saul:  
 -Acts 7:58  
 -Acts 8:1-3  
 -Acts 9:1-30  
 -Acts 11:25-30

Acts 12:12, 25  
 Col 4:10

Deut 18:9-22  
 Lev 19:31  
 Acts 8:9-24

Why??

Saul: Jewish/Hebrew  
 Named for the first king of Israel (21)

Paul: Roman/Latin  
 Born in Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia

He saw the power of God

Acts 15:36-41

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About 450 Years

Slavery in Egypt

-400 Years

-Gen 15:13; Acts 7:6

Wilderness Wanderings

-40 Years

-Deut 29:5; Josh 5:6

<sup>19</sup>And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance.

<sup>20</sup>All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

<sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

<sup>22</sup>And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, *'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'* { Psa 89:20  
1Sa 13:14

<sup>23</sup>Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

<sup>24</sup>Before his coming, John had proclaimed a *baptism of repentance* to all the people of Israel.

<sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his course, he said, *'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'* { Mt 3:11  
Mk 1:7  
Lk 3:16  
Jn 1:20, 27

<sup>26</sup>"Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

<sup>27</sup>For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

<sup>28</sup>And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

<sup>29</sup>And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

<sup>30</sup>But **God raised him from the dead**,

<sup>31</sup>and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.

<sup>32</sup>And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers,

<sup>33</sup>this he 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 begotten you.'*

<sup>34</sup>And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, " *'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'*

<sup>35</sup>Therefore he says also in another psalm, " *'You will not let your Holy One see corruption.'* <- Acts 2:27

<sup>36</sup>For **David**, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, *fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption*, <- Acts 2:29

<sup>37</sup>but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.

Paul contends that the Jews would not have condemned Him if they had known Him:  
**Acts 3:17, 18**  
**I Tim 1:12-14**

God accomplished the opposite of what the Jews were trying to do!

**Acts 10:41**

**Psalm 2:7**

**Isaiah 55:3**

**Psalm 16:10**

The Sanhedrin accused Him of blasphemy, but could not prove it:  
**-Matt 26:65; 27:24**  
**-Luke 23:14, 22-23**

OT Prophecy  
(v. 27, 33-41)

<sup>38</sup> Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything

{ Rom 3:20; 8:3  
Gal 2:16; 3:11  
Eph 2:8-9  
2 Tim 1:9  
Tit 3:5

<sup>39</sup> **from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.**

<sup>40</sup> Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

Habakkuk 1:5

<sup>41</sup> "Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you."

<sup>42</sup> As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath.

It is very likely that Paul and Barnabas spent a busy week preaching the Gospel

<sup>43</sup> And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup> The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

<sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

Rom 1:16

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Isa 49:6

<sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. {The Church continues to grow

II Tim 3:11

<sup>50</sup> But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Matt 10:5-16  
Mark 6:7-13  
Luke 9:5; 10:11

<sup>51</sup> But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.

<sup>52</sup> And the disciples were *filled with joy* and with the **Holy Spirit**.

### Antioch of Syria

#### **Acts 11:19-30 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. <sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### Paul's Missionary Journey's Starting in Antioch

#### **Acts 15:35-41 (ESV)**

<sup>35</sup> But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also. <sup>36</sup> And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." <sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

#### **Acts 18:22-23 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

### Prophets & Teachers

#### **1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

#### **1 Corinthians 14:1-25 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. <sup>5</sup> Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. <sup>6</sup> Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup> If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? <sup>8</sup> And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup> So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup> There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, <sup>11</sup> but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup> So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> For you may be giving thanks well enough, but

the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. <sup>20</sup> Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. <sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." <sup>22</sup> Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. <sup>23</sup> If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? <sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup> the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

#### **Ephesians 4:10-16 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

#### **Lucius of Cyrene**

#### **Acts 11:19-20 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

#### **Romans 16:21 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

### Herod the Tetrarch

#### **Luke 3:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

### Barnabas

#### **Acts 4:36-37 (ESV)**

<sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

#### **Acts 9:26-30 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. <sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

### Saul

#### **Acts 7:58 (ESV)**

<sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

#### **Acts 9:1-25 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood

speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

### **Fasting**

#### **Luke 18:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

#### **Acts 14:23 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

### John Mark

#### **Acts 12:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

#### **Acts 12:25 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

#### **Acts 15:36-41 (ESV)**

<sup>36</sup> And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." <sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

#### **Colossians 4:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> 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),

### Magician – False Prophet

#### **Deuteronomy 18:9-22 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> "When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer <sup>11</sup> or a charmer or a medium or a wizard or a necromancer, <sup>12</sup> for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you. <sup>13</sup> You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, <sup>14</sup> for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this. <sup>15</sup> "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers— it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I

command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' <sup>21</sup> And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— <sup>22</sup> when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

**Leviticus 19:31 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> "Do not turn to mediums or wizards; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.

**Acts 8:9-24 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup> They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." <sup>11</sup> And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. <sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." <sup>24</sup> And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

### About 450 Years

#### **Genesis 15:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

#### **Acts 7:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years.

#### **Deuteronomy 29:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.

#### **Joshua 5:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

### David

#### **Psalms 89:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,

#### **1 Samuel 13:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

### John the Baptist

#### **Matthew 3:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Mark 1:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

**Luke 3:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**John 1:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

**John 1:27 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

**Jews Ignorant of Jesus**

**Acts 3:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

**1 Timothy 1:12-14 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**Jesus Accused of Blasphemy**

**Matthew 26:57-68 (ESV)**

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.' " <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you

by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

### **Matthew 27:24 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

### **Luke 23:13-25 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore punish and release him." <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup> But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— <sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." <sup>23</sup> But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

### **Jesus Appeared**

### **Acts 10:39-41 (ESV)**

<sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

### **Justified by Faith (Not Works)**

### **Romans 3:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

**Romans 8:3-4 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**Galatians 2:15-16 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

**Galatians 3:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."  
<sup>11</sup> Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**2 Timothy 1:8-12 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

**Titus 3:3-7 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Jew First...

**Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Then the Gentiles...

**Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Persecution at Antioch of Pisidia

**2 Timothy 3:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

Shake Dust off Your Feet

**Matthew 10:5-15 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup> Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup> And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

**Mark 6:7-13 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey

except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.<sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.<sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**Luke 9:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,<sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.<sup>3</sup> And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics.<sup>4</sup> And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.<sup>5</sup> And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."<sup>6</sup> And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

**Luke 10:1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.<sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.<sup>4</sup> Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.<sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'<sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.<sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.<sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.<sup>9</sup> Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'<sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say,<sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'<sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.