

Chapter 14 (1-28)

I. In Iconium (1-7)

~90 Miles from Antioch of Pisidia (Province of Galatia) **Acts 13:51; II Tim 3:10-11**

Paul consistently went first to the synagogues. Why?

a. Conversions (1-2)

-The church continues to grow in spite of persecution

¹ Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

Two different reactions to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas **Acts 13:50**

b. Confirmation (3)

-Mat 16:20
-Heb 2:4

² **But** the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

c. Contrast (4)

-Luke 12:51-53

³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Used in a wider sense:

ἀπόστολος - apostolos
 -A messenger, one sent on a mission (v. 14)
 -Gal 1:19 - James
 -Phi 2:25 - Epaphroditus
 -II Cor 11:13 - False

d. Conspiracy (5-7)

(District within Galatia)

⁴ But the people of the city were **divided**; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.

⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them,

⁶ they learned of it and fled to **Lystra and Derbe**, cities of **Lycaonia**, and to the surrounding country,

Lystra
 ~18 miles south of Iconium

Derbe
 ~20 miles east of Lystra

II. In Lystra (8-20)

a. Cripple (8)

-Acts 3:1-11

⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked.

Why would this man have "faith to be made well?"
 -Matt 9:21-22

b. Command (9-10)

⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well,

¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.

c. Confusion (11-14)

Zeus (Mercury)
 -Supreme god of Greek theology

Hermes (Jupiter)
 -Messenger of the Greek gods

¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

Paul and Barnabas did not know what they were saying

Metamorphoses by Ovid
 -Book VIII: Story of Baucis and Philemon

 -Said that Zeus and Hermes visited the neighboring region of Phrygia

d. Correction (15-18)

Act which demonstrated grief and pain caused by blasphemy or sacrilege

¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

¹⁴ But when the **apostles** Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out,

¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a **living God**, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

Acts 17:31-32

¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.

¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Psalm 19:1
Rom 1:18-23

¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

e. Conspiracy (19-20)

¹⁹ But Jews came from **Antioch** and **Iconium**, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

Acts 13:50; 14:2

-Timothy??
-Acts 16:1-3
-I Cor 4:17
-II Tim 1:2

II Cor 11:25
II Tim 3:11

²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

III. In Derbe (20-21)

²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to **Lystra** and to **Iconium** and to **Antioch**,

IV. Return Visits (21-25)

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

²³ 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.

²⁴ Then they passed through **Pisidia** and came to Pamphylia.

πρεσβύτερος - presbuteros
-used interchangeably with...
ἐπίσκοπος - episkopos
-Acts 20:17-35
-Titus 1:5-9

V. In Antioch of Syria (26-28)

²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,

Acts 13:3 }

²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled.

²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

Iconium

Acts 13:50-52 (ESV)

⁵⁰ 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. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ 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.

Signs and Wonders

Mark 16:19-20 (ESV)

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (ESV)

¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Division

Luke 12:49-53 (ESV)

⁴⁹ "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Apostles

Greek NASB Number: 652

Greek Word: ἀπόστολος

Transliterated Word: *apostolos*

Root: from [649](#);

Definition: a messenger, one sent on a mission, an apostle:--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

apostle (19),
apostles (52),
apostles' (5),
messenger (1),
messengers (1),
is sent (1).

—NASB Greek-Hebrew Dictionary

Galatians 1:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Philippians 2:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 (ESV)

¹² And what I do I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. ¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Cripple

Acts 3:1-11 (ESV)

¹ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention

on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded.

Zeus and Hermes

Acts 17:22-34 (ESV)

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Psalms 19:1 (ESV)

¹ To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Romans 1:18-23 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly

perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Stoning of Paul

2 Corinthians 11:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

Elders

"elders" - Greek NASB Number: 4245

Greek Word: πρεσβύτερος

Transliterated Word: *presbuteros*

Root: a cprt. of Πτολεμαῖος *presbus (an old man)*;

Definition: elder:--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

elder (3),
elders (57),
men of old (1),
old men (1),
older (1),
older man (1),
older ones (1),
older women (1),
women (1).

—NASB Greek-Hebrew Dictionary

Used interchangeably with:

Greek Word: ἐπίσκοπος

Transliterated Word: *episkopos*

Root: from [1909](#) and [4649](#);

Definition: a superintendent, an overseer:--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

guardian (1),
overseer (2),
overseers (2).

—NASB Greek-Hebrew Dictionary

Acts 20:17-35 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Titus 1:5-9 (ESV)

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Commended in Antioch

Acts 13:1-3 (ESV)

¹ 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. ² 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." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.