



## Tell Me the Story of Jesus

## Lesson 38 – Acts 14

### People — Who is involved?

*Saul (Paul) and Barnabas preaching in Asia Minor*

### Places — Where does it happen?

*CITIES OF ASIA MINOR:  
Iconium  
Lystra  
Derbe*

### Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 1 – Iconium was a culturally diverse city in what is now the Konya province of central Turkey.*
- Vs 3 – The preachers are quite resolute in the face of opposition choosing to stay and spread the word.*
- Vs 5 – Having devised a plot against them, both Gentiles and Jews attempted to abuse and stone them. To Jews they were a threat to their traditions and laws; to Gentiles they threatened polytheism.*
- Vs 8 – Lystra was eighteen miles south of Iconium in the province of Lycaonia. It was Timothy's home. The people of Lystra had a bad reputation as ignorant, militant and having little regard for law.*
- Vs 8 – The lame man was congenitally a cripple. This made the miracle even more amazing to the people*
- Vs 12 – They called Barnabas, "Zeus" (Greek – Roman name is Jupiter, chief god of the Pantheon). They called Paul, "Hermes" (Greek – Roman name is Mercury, messenger god of interpretation). It is interesting that they saw Barnabas as the leader and Paul as the interpreter or messenger.*
- Vs 14 – It is not necessary to count Barnabas as one of the "apostles" appointed by Jesus. The word "apostle" sometimes refers to "one sent on a mission."*
- Vs 15 – When the priest brought sacrifices to them, they stopped it. Remember Herod (Acts 12:20-24).*
- Vs 19 – They actually stoned Paul but he survived. It is not clear whether there was a miracle here.*
- Vs 20 – Derbe was another 35 miles or so southwest of Lystra.*
- Vs 21 – Few details are given except that they preached also at Derbe. They returned to the other three cities where churches were established.*
- Vs 23 - We do not know exactly how long it had been but they were able to appoint elders in each church*
- Vs 25 – They also came to Perga and preached there before sailing back to Antioch.*
- Vs 27 – They reported to the church the things they had done with emphasis upon Gentile converts.*
- Vs 28 – We do not know exactly how long they stayed in Antioch before going to Jerusalem.*

### Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. Even in the face of persecution, the gospel is to be preached.*
- 2. We must never allow others to deify us by comparing us to gods..*
- 3. Elders are to be appointed in each church...thus maintaining local autonomy.*