



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

This is a summary of events of the first “missionary journey.” Barnabas and Saul (Paul) went to three additional cities in central Asia Minor. In each, they preached the gospel and established a local church. In Iconium, unbelieving Jews poisoned the minds of many Gentiles. Those joined against the Christians and threatened to abuse and stone Barnabas and Saul. Having fled Iconium, they came to Lystra and healed a lame man. That caused townspeople to think of them as gods. They dispelled that notion but soon Jews from the other cities came. Paul was stoned and left for dead. He and Barnabas moved on to Derbe. They finally returned to cities where churches were established and then went home to Antioch.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *Why were the Jews so antagonistic to Paul and Barnabas?*
2. *What happened to God’s messengers in each town?*
3. *Who were the gods people at Lystra compared Paul and Barnabas to?*
4. *What do you see as the theme of Paul’s message at Lystra?*
5. *Why did Paul and Barnabas return to cities where they had been physically persecuted?*

Questions:

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- 3.