

Acts

Lesson 7

Peter's Message

Who is his intended audience?

- A Roman, a Gentile
- A Soldier- a centurion
- A devout man
- He feared God with all his household,
- He gave alms generously to the people,
- He prayed continually to God.

*Act 10:24 And on the following day they entered Caesarea. **Cornelius** was expecting them and had called together **his relatives** and **close friends**.*

What Old Testament scriptures does Peter use?

None given. But Peter does say :

“all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

What does the scripture explain?

That Jesus' death makes forgiveness of sins possible to those who believe in Him..

Act 10:43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

What information does Peter provide in his discourse?

Beginning with this Scripture Philip tells the Ethiopian Eunuch the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:34-35 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

What information does Peter provide?

Jesus was...

- anointed by God with the Holy Spirit & with power.
- doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- put to death by hanging on a tree,
- raised by God on the third day and appeared to us witnesses, who ate and drank with him
- the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- the one whom everyone receives forgiveness of sins by believing in his name."

**What action does he require of
Roman Centurion?**

Nothing given.

*Act 10:44 While Peter was still saying these things,
the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.*

What surprises you about Peter's message?

- How he starts out admitting his own prejudice.

Act 10:28-29 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

What were the results of Peter's message?

All who heard got saved!

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Acts 13-14: The First
Missionary Journey,
Witness in Cyprus & Galatia

(Acts 13:1-4) The Move of the Holy Spirit

*Act 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch
Prophets and Teachers:*

- Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37 Joseph)
- Simeon who was called Niger (Latin for Black)
- Lucius of Cyrene (Acts 11:20. Mentioned again in Romans 16:21)
- Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch
- Saul

The Move of the Holy Spirit

Act 13:2-4 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."

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Some Key Elements:

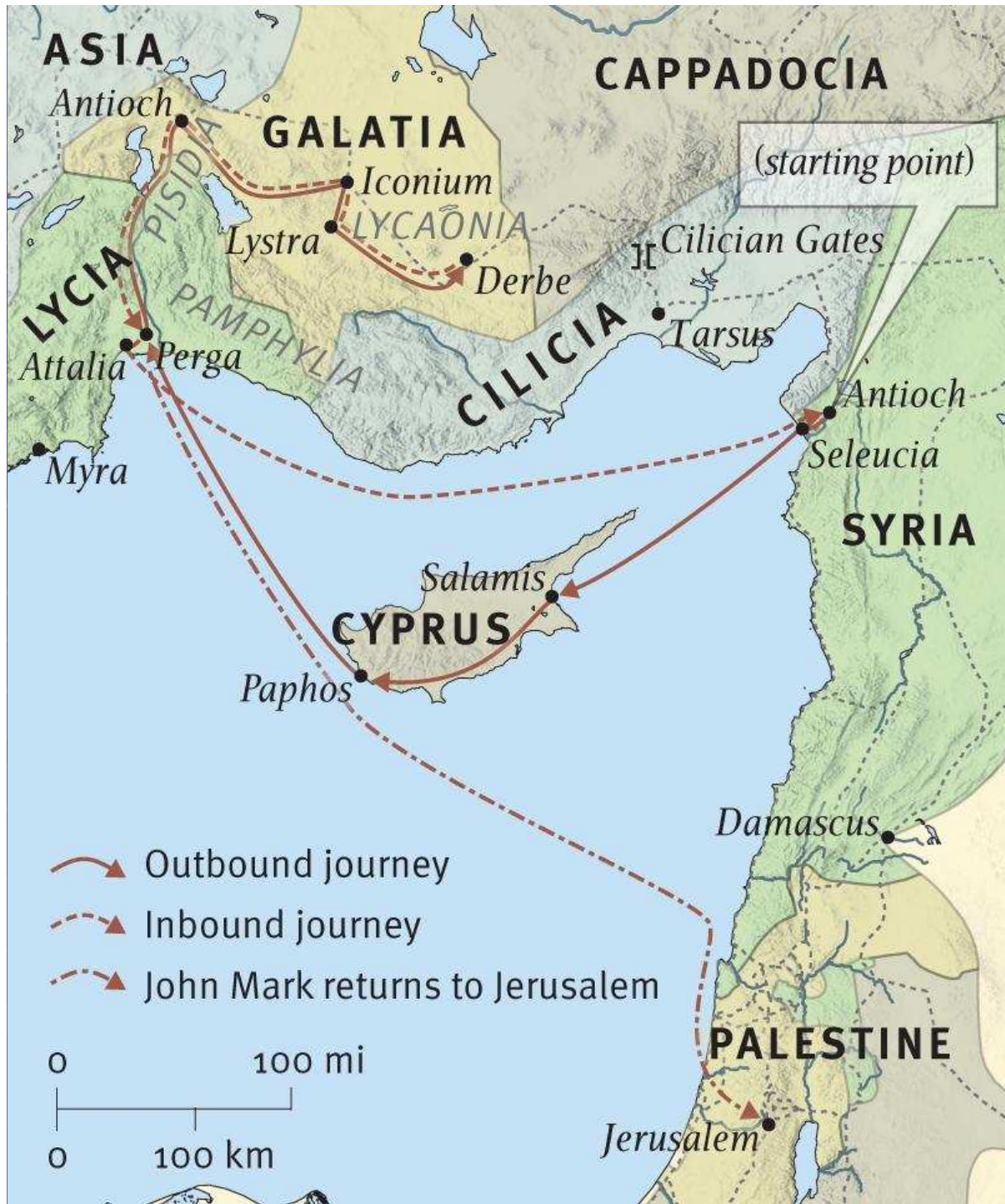
- • The things were initiated in worship
- • The Holy Spirit is spoken of as a part of the decision making and direction of the church.
- • The Church fasted and prayed.

(2.) (Acts 13:4-12) Cyprus evangelized

Where did they start?

Cyprus

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The First Missionary Journey

Where have we heard of Cyprus before?

It is where Barnabas was from

Acts 4:36-37 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Who all went?

Barnabas, Saul and John Mark.

Act 13:5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

What significant things happen?

- They meet a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus (Elymas)
- They meet the proconsul of Cyprus, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence,
- He summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.
- Elymas opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
- Saul rebukes him and strikes him with blindness

Why is Saul called Paul?

It's his Roman Name

Act 13:9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him.

What were the results?

Proconsul Sergius Paulus believes .

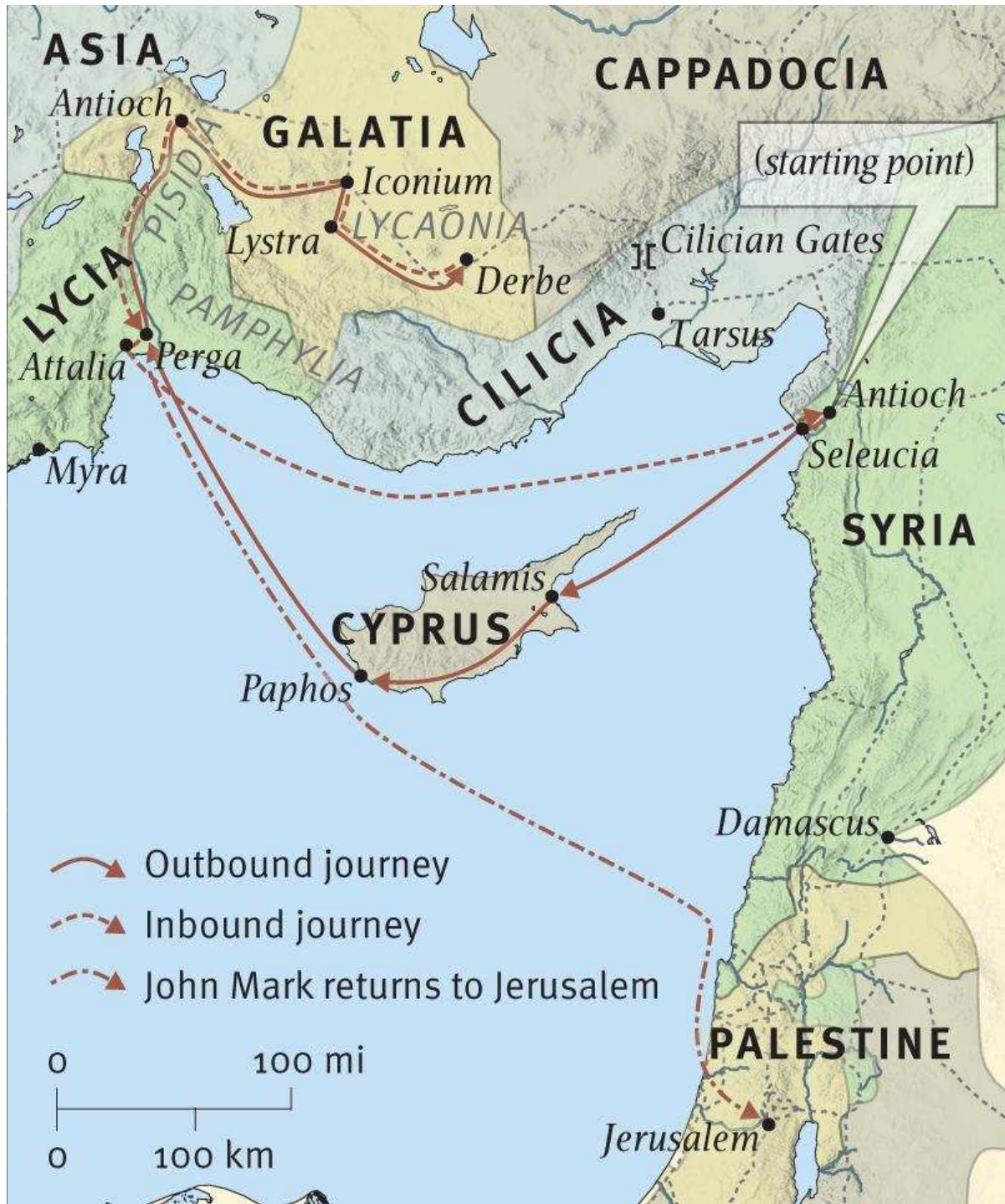
(Act 13:12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.)

3.) (Acts 13:4-12) Antioch in Pisidia evangelized

Where did Paul and Barnabas go next?

Antioch in Pisidia

Act 13:14 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.



The First Missionary Journey

Where did they start their ministry there?

The synagogue

Act 13:15 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 encouragement for the people, say it."

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Act 13:43 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.

4.) (Acts 13:44-52) Move to Galatia

What happens to motivate Paul and Barnabas to speak to the gentiles? .

The jealousy of the Jews

Act 13:45-46 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him 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.

What were the results?

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6.) (Acts 14:1-28) Continued witness in Galatia and return to Antioch

Where do the apostles go next?

Iconium

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Where do they go next?

Lycaonian cities of Lystra & Derbe

Act 14:5-6 When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country

What happens that convinces the people that Paul and Barnabas are gods?

A man crippled from birth is healed.

Act 14:11 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!"

How do Paul and Barnabas handle this?

They tore their garments and said they were just men.

Act 14:14-17 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, "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. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 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."

What causes them to leave this place?

Paul is stoned and dragged out of the city.

Act 14:19-20 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. 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.

Where do they go next?

Derbe

Act 14:21-22 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 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.



What did they do as they passed back through the areas where they had been?

Appoint elders

Act 14:23-25 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. Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,

Some Final Thoughts

- Paul starts with people who are spiritually minded
- They don't stay in any one place very long
- They ordain elders as they pass through

Homework:

**Analyze Paul's message to those in
Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:16-41)**

Read Acts 15

Read the book of Galatians