

Paul's First Missionary Journey Continued

Introduction: After being rejected by the Jews, Paul and Barnabas will turn to the _____. After some follow up work, they will return to _____ to their church.

I. _____ by the Jews (Acts 14:1-5)

- A. Paul and Barnabas continued to preach _____ in the synagogues.
- B. The church was _____ with new believers every time they preached (Is. 55:11).
- C. The unsaved Jews made it their goal to _____ the work of Paul.
- D. The ministry of Paul emphasized _____ --he stayed to see the works established and grounded in the truth.
- E. Christ said that His work would often bring _____ (Matt. 10:34-36).
- F. Once the Jews became physically hostile they had to _____ on.
- G. Oftentimes circumstances will _____ God's will to us.

II. _____ to the Gentiles (Acts 14:6-20)

- A. Reaching different people involves different _____.
- B. Missionaries all go with the same _____, but they must learn to adapt to the different cultures.
- C. God allowed a crippled man to be healed to get their _____.
- D. The Gentiles were steeped in superstition and needed to be _____ the ways of the Lord.
- E. "For a successful Christian worker a greater peril than persecution is the tendency for people to center their spiritual _____, not on Christ, but on His servant" (MacDonald).
- F. With these Gentiles, Paul had to begin his gospel presentation with the _____ account—they did not have the same biblical foundation the Jews of the synagogue had.
- G. Paul was stoned and left for _____ by the religious Jews—some believe he may have died and been raised again by God (2 Cor. 12:1-3).
- H. He would not allow any difficulty to _____ him from preaching the gospel (1 Cor. 9:16).

III. _____ to the Churches (Acts 14:21-28)

- A. Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps to follow up on the churches they planted to see how they were _____.
- B. They would spend the time necessary to see that the churches were doctrinally _____.
- C. They also made sure they were _____ and walking with the Lord.
- D. Lastly, they returned to their home church with a _____ report.

Conclusion: "They were never satisfied merely to preach the gospel and see souls won to the Savior. For them, this was only the beginning" (MacDonald).