



The First Missionary Journey Begins Acts 13

Introduction

We come to the final “dramatic turn” in Luke’s *“Second Treatise.”* Referencing again Jesus’ words in 1:8, all that is recorded from this chapter onward will be the fulfillment of witnessing for Jesus *“to the uttermost parts of the earth.”* The gospel will begin marching westward, and Paul will assume the major apostolic role throughout the remainder of the book.

Labors In Cyprus (13:1-12)

- 1) Who is listed in v. 1? What happens in vv. 2-3? (cp. 9:15-16; 26:16-18) For what purpose was this “laying on of hands?”
- 2) Where was the first stop on this journey? (vv. 4-5) Who was with Barnabas & Saul?
- 3) What happened when they completed their evangelistic efforts on Cyprus? (vv. 6-7a) Who showed an interest in the gospel? (v. 7b) What was working against his interest? (v. 8)
- 4) What information does Luke record in v. 9a that will be reflected in a majority of the remainder of the N.T.? Thought question: what is indicated when comparing 13:2, 7 with 13:13, 42, 46, 50?
- 5) How did Paul react to Elymas’ opposition? (vv. 9b-11) What impact did this have upon Sergius Paulus? (v. 12)

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Labors In Antioch Pisidia (13:13-52)

- 6) Where do Paul & his companions go next? (v. 13a) What happened to part of the “traveling party?” (v. 13b) Where did they eventually arrive? (v. 14a)

- 7) What did they do in Antioch Pisidia? (v. 14b) What “offer” did Paul & Barnabas receive? (v. 15)

- 8) What were Paul’s “words of exhortation?” (vv. 16-41) What “themes” did he emphasize? How is what he said similar to earlier “exhortations” recorded by Luke?

- 9) What happened as Paul & Barnabas exited the synagogue? (vv. 42-43)

- 10) What happened one week later? (v. 44) What did the Jews of Antioch Pisidia think of this? (v. 45) What was the apostles’ response? (vv. 46-47)

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- 11) What impact did all this have on the gospel's efforts in that area? (vv. 48-49) *Thought question:* be able to explain v. 48b in light of Calvinistic teaching re: predestination.

- 12) How did the Jews react? (v. 50) What did Paul & Barnabas do? (v. 51)

- 13) How does Luke describe those who were converted? (v. 52)