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Chapter 14: 1st Missionary Journey

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 13-14)





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Acts 14:1-3

1 Now at **Iconium** they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of **both Jews and Greeks believed**.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, **granting signs and wonders** to be done by their hands.



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A Spiritual War within the city

Acts 14:4-6

4 But the people of the city **were divided**; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.

5 When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and **to stone them**,

6 they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,



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Acts 14:7-9

7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.

8 Now at **Lystra** there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was **crippled from birth** and had never walked.

9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that **he had faith to be made well,**





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Acts 14:10-12

10 said in a loud voice,
“Stand upright on your feet.”
And **he sprang up and began walking**.

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!”
12 Barnabas they called
Zeus, and Paul, Hermes,
because he was the chief
speaker.



Hermes

God of boundaries, roads, travelers,
merchants, thieves, athletes, shepherds,
commerce, speed, cunning, language, oratory,
wit, and messages

Member of the **Twelve Olympians**





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Acts 14:13-15

13 And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out,

15 “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.





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Acts 14:16-18

16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.

17 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.”

18 Even **with these words they scarcely restrained the people** from offering sacrifice to them.





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Acts 14:19-21

19 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.

20 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.

21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,



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2 Corinthians 12:1-5

1 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.**

3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—



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Acts 14:22-24

22 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.

23 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.

24 Then **they passed through Pisidia** and came to Pamphylia.



