

12. The first missionary journey (Acts 13)

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was **Mark**.

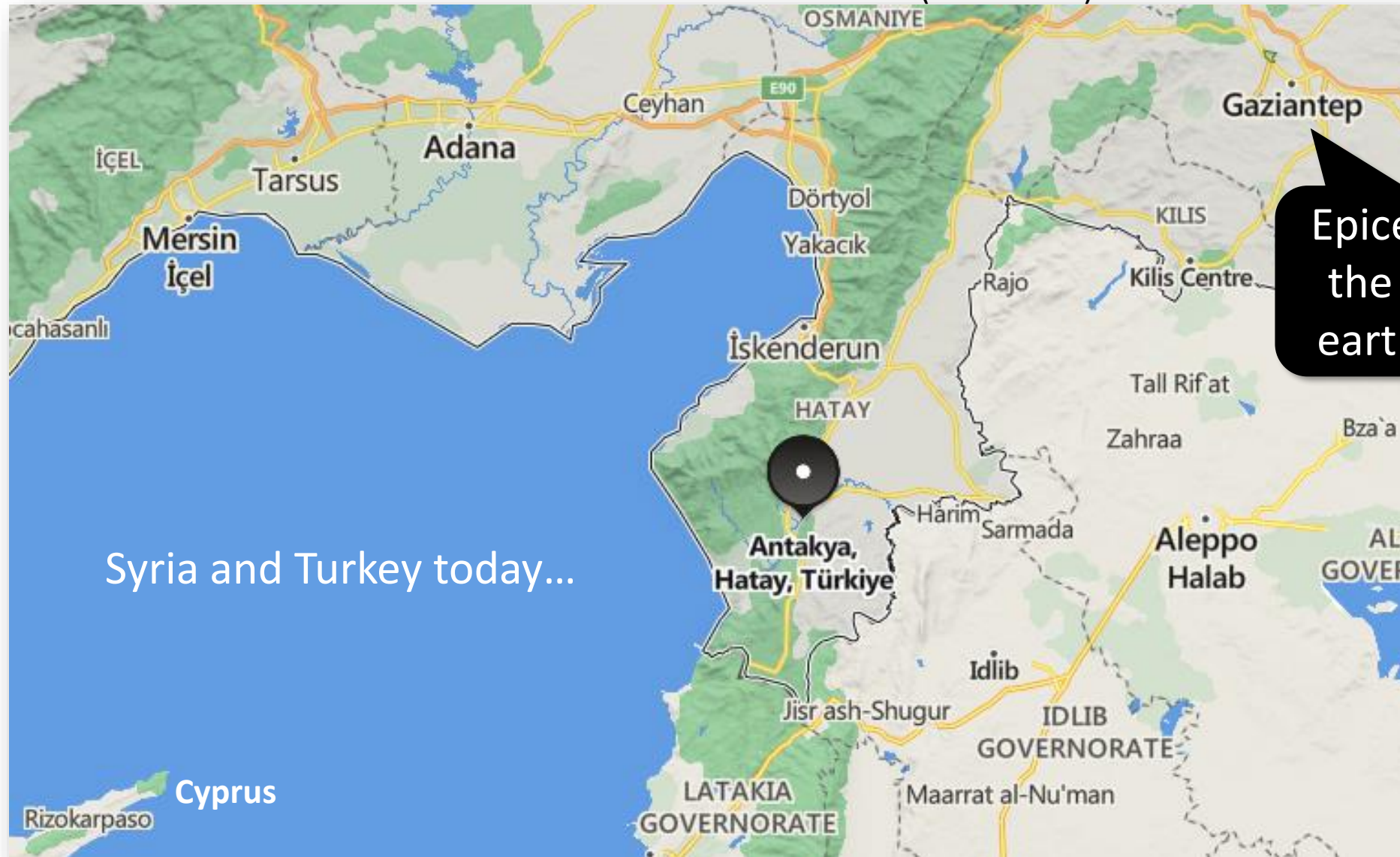
(Acts 12:25)

The cousin of Barnabas...
(Colossians 4:10)



And the **disciples** were first called **Christians** in Antioch.

(Acts 11:26)



Syria and Turkey today...

Epicentre of the recent earthquake





Now in **the church that was at Antioch** there were certain prophets and teachers:

- Barnabas,
- Simeon who was called Niger,
- Lucius of Cyrene,
- Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and
- Saul

Matthew
27:32?

Herod Antipas who killed
John the Baptist and
mocked the Lord Jesus

(Acts 13:1)



As they ministered to the Lord and fasted,
the **Holy Spirit** said,

*“Now separate to me Barnabas and Saul
for the work to which I have called them.”*

Then, having **fasted** and **prayed**,
and **laid hands** on them,
they sent them away.

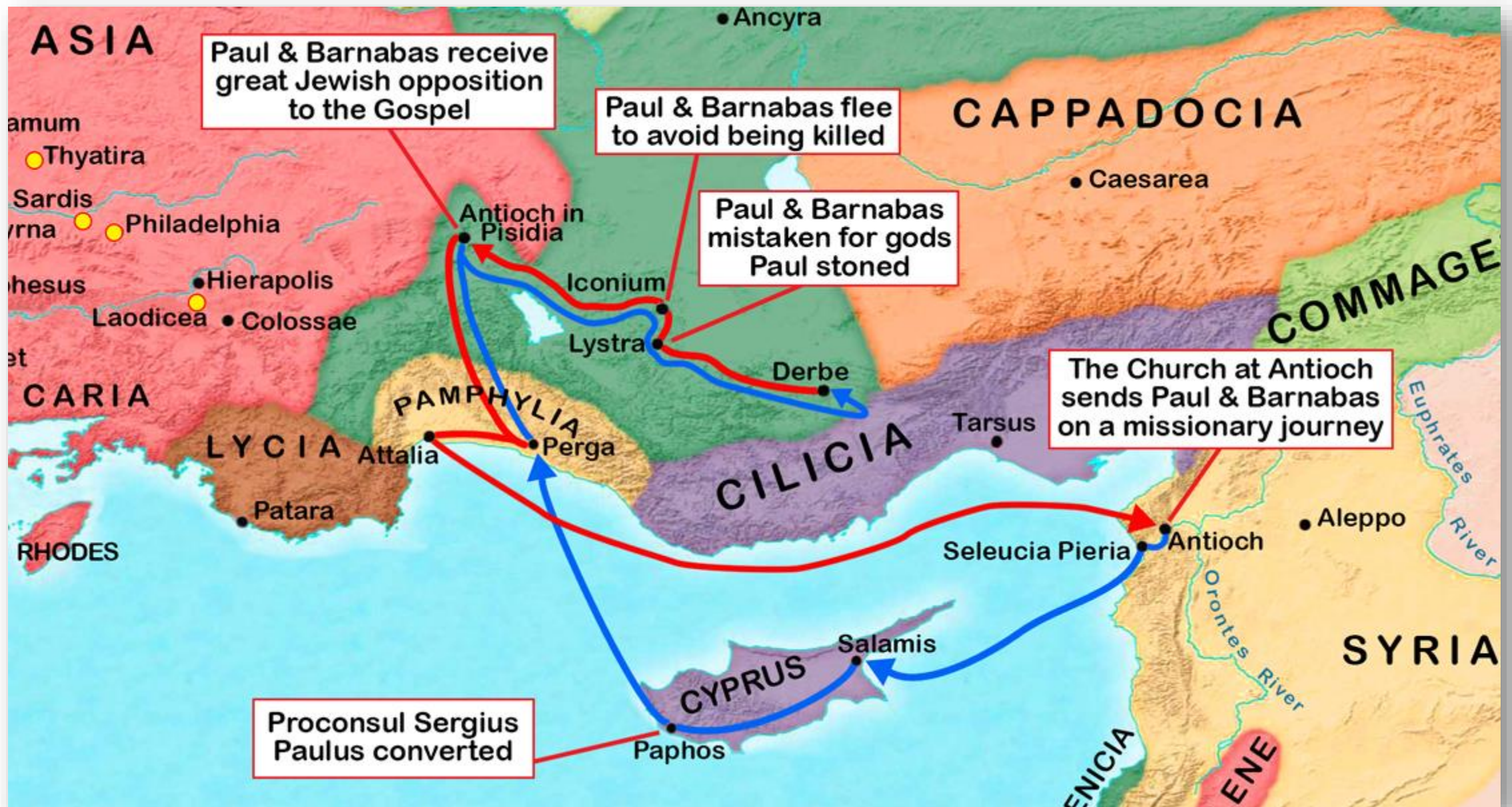
(Acts 13:2-3)



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route →



c. March 47 AD

So, **being sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to **Seleucia**, and from there they sailed to **Cyprus**.



And when they arrived in **Salamis**, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.

(They also had **John** as their assistant.)

(Acts 13:4-5)



When they had gone through the whole island as far as **Paphos**, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

Cyprus belonged to the Roman Senate, not the Emperor. Hence "proconsul", and not "legate"



He was with the proconsul, **Sergius Paulus**, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

(Acts 13:6-7)



On this inscription (CIL 6.41545), dating to the mid-40's, L. Sergius Paulus is named as one of the commissioners of the banks and beds of the Tiber river. Photo: Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, The Ohio State University



Then Saul, who also is called Paul,
filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said,

“O full of all deceit and all fraud,
you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness,
will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?
And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you,
and **you shall be blind**, not seeing the sun for a time.”

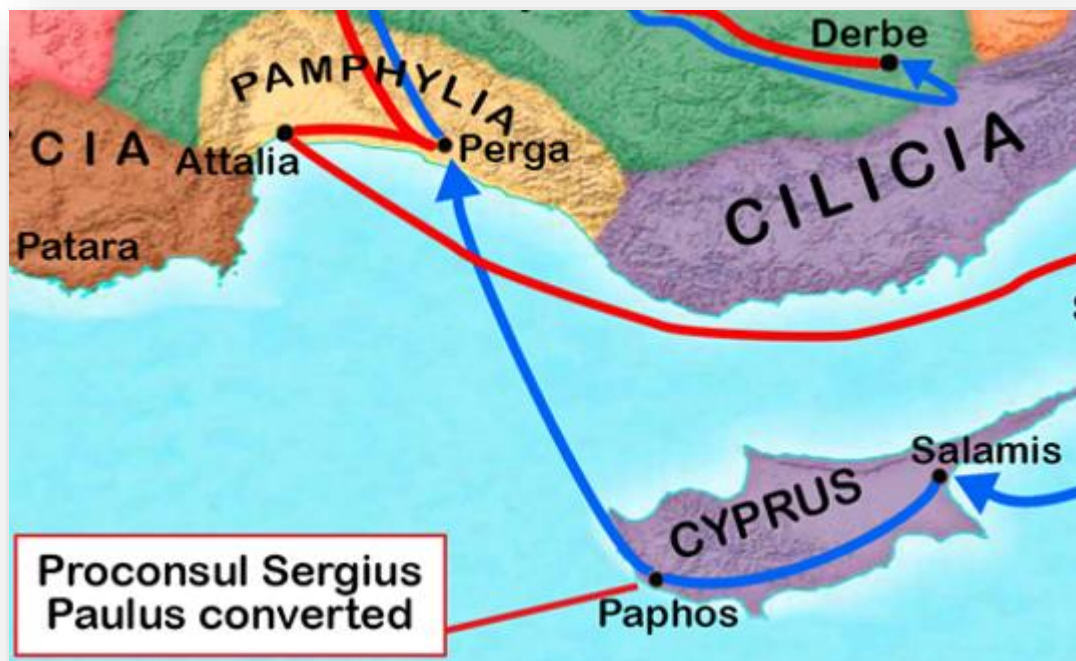
(Acts 13:9-11)

I also am a man
under authority...
(Matthew 8:9)

Then the proconsul believed,
when he saw what had been done,
being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.
(Acts 13:12)

Perga

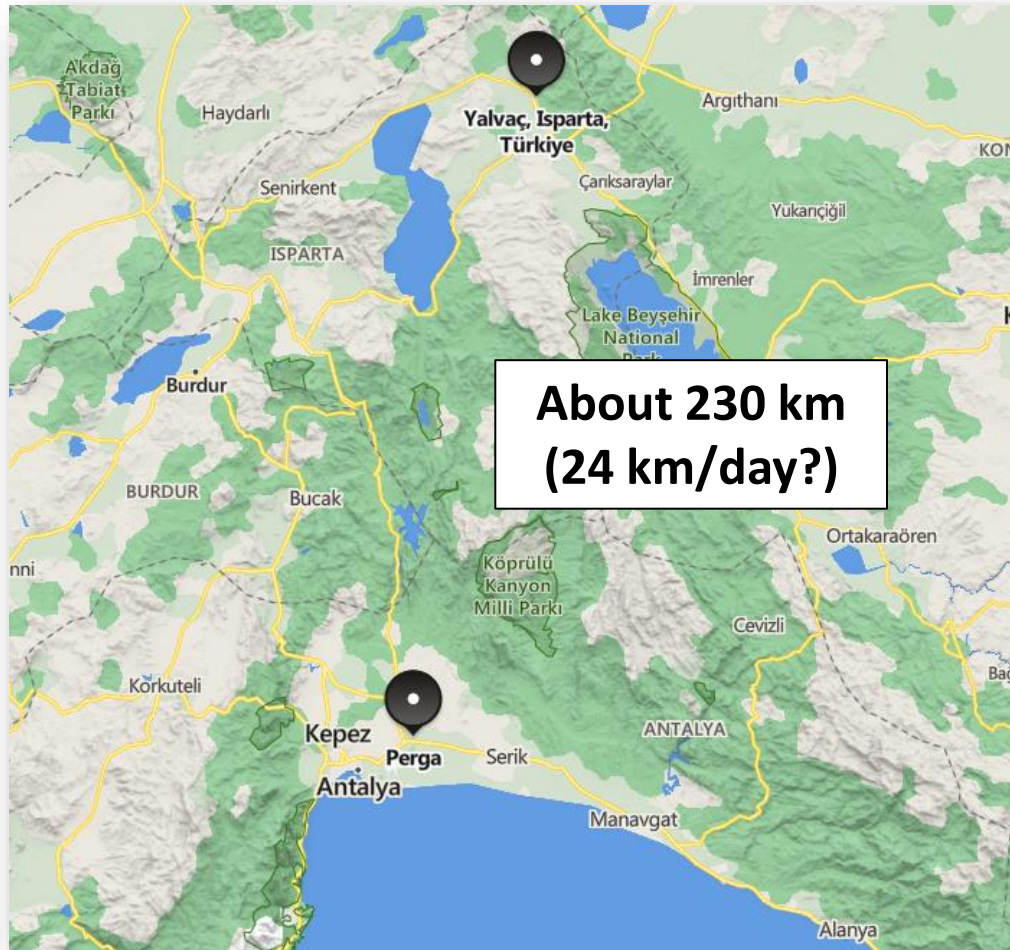
Now when Paul and his party set sail from **Paphos**, they came to **Perga** in Pamphylia;



and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.
(Acts 13:13)

But when they departed from Perga, they came to **Antioch in Pisidia**, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

(Acts 13:14)





Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

...From this man's [David] seed, according to the promise,
God raised up for Israel a Saviour—Jesus ...

...to you **the word of this salvation** has been sent.

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him,
nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath,
have fulfilled them in condemning Him. ...

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren,
that through this Man is preached to you **the forgiveness of sins...**

Beware therefore,
lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

*"...I work a work in your days,
A work which you will by no means believe,
Though one were to declare it to you."*

(See Acts 13:16-41)



Antioch in Pisidia

Now when the congregation had broken up,
many of the Jews and devout proselytes
followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them,
persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

(Acts 13:43)

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said,

“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.”

(Acts 13:44-46)



...we turn to the Gentiles



Now when the Gentiles heard this,
they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.

And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

(Acts 13:48)

But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and **expelled them from their region.**

But they shook off the dust from their feet against them...



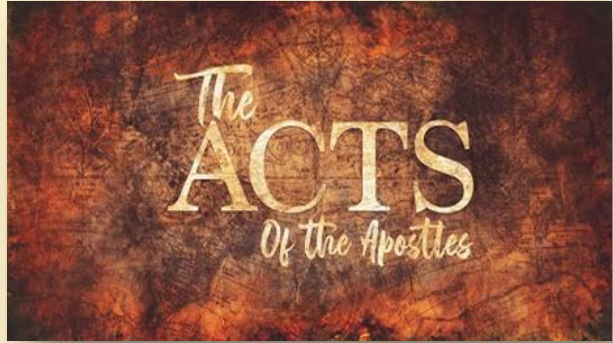
*And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, **shake off the dust from your feet.***

*Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in **the day of judgment** than for that city!*

(Matthew 10:14-15)

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

(See Acts 13:49-52)



Next: The first missionary journey continues...