

13. The first journey continues (Acts 14)

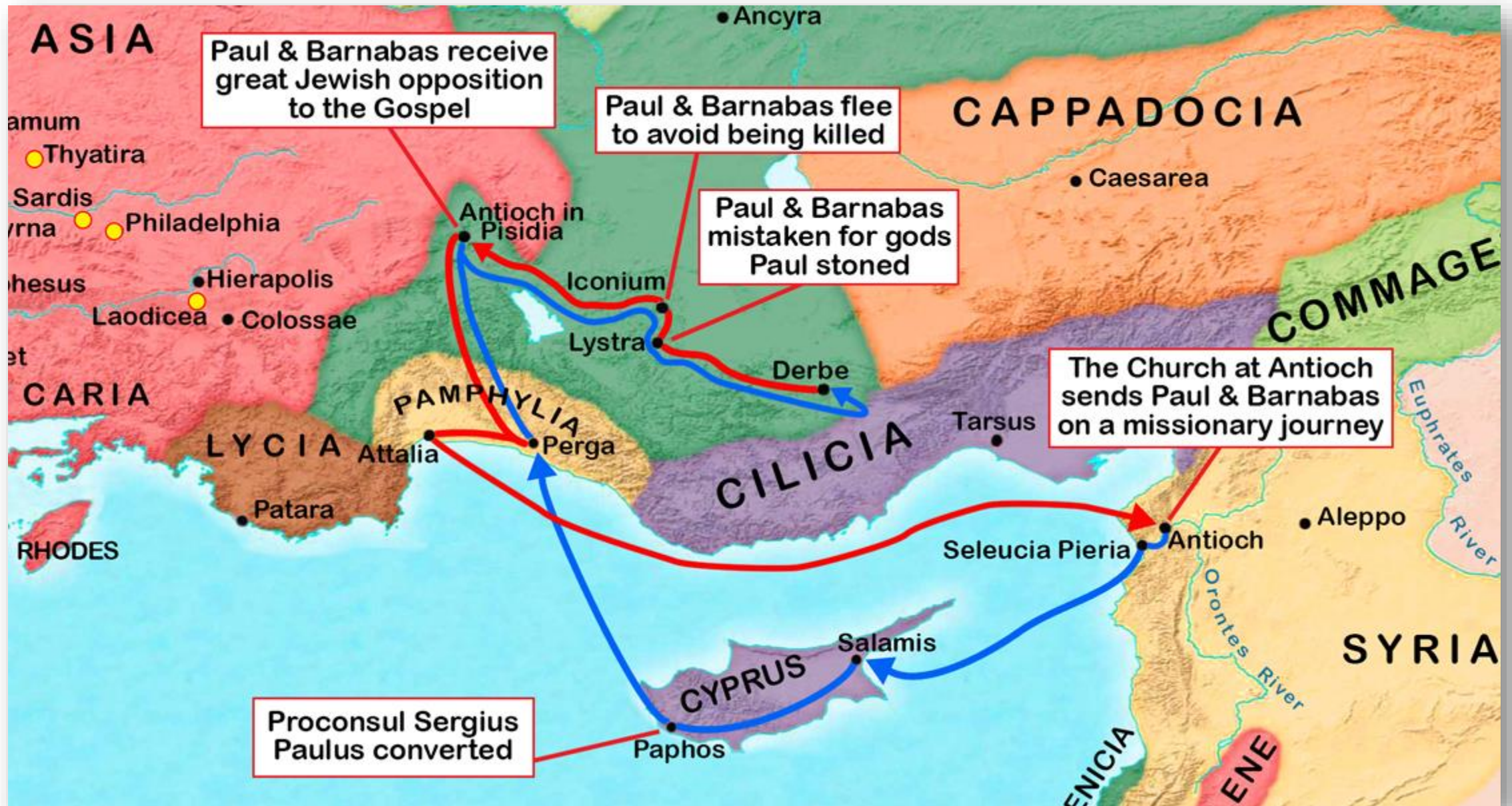


As they ministered to the Lord and fasted,
the **Holy Spirit** said,

*“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)



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.**



After a beating...

Matthew 10:14

But they shook off the dust from their feet against them...
(See Acts 13:49-51)

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

(See Acts 13:52)

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...they shook off the dust from their feet against them,
and came to Iconium.



A great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed.

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles
and **poisoned their minds** against the brethren...

(Acts 14:1-2)



**A great multitude both of the Jews
and of the Greeks believed...**



Therefore they stayed there a long time,
speaking boldly in the Lord,
who was **bearing witness to the word of His grace**,
granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

(Acts 14:3)





And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, **with their rulers, to abuse and stone them...**

Matthew 10:23

...they became aware of it and fled to **Lystra** and **Derbe**, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.



And **they were preaching the gospel there.**

(Acts 14:5-7)



And in **Lystra** a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, **who had never walked.**

This man heard Paul speaking.

Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice,

“Stand up straight on your feet!”

And he leaped and walked.

(Acts 14:8-10)



The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!



And Barnabas they called **Zeus**, and Paul, **Hermes**, because he was the chief speaker.

(Acts 14:11-12)



Temple of Zeus – Athens



Then the priest of Zeus,
whose temple was in front of their city,
brought oxen and garlands to the gates,
intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

(Acts 14:13)



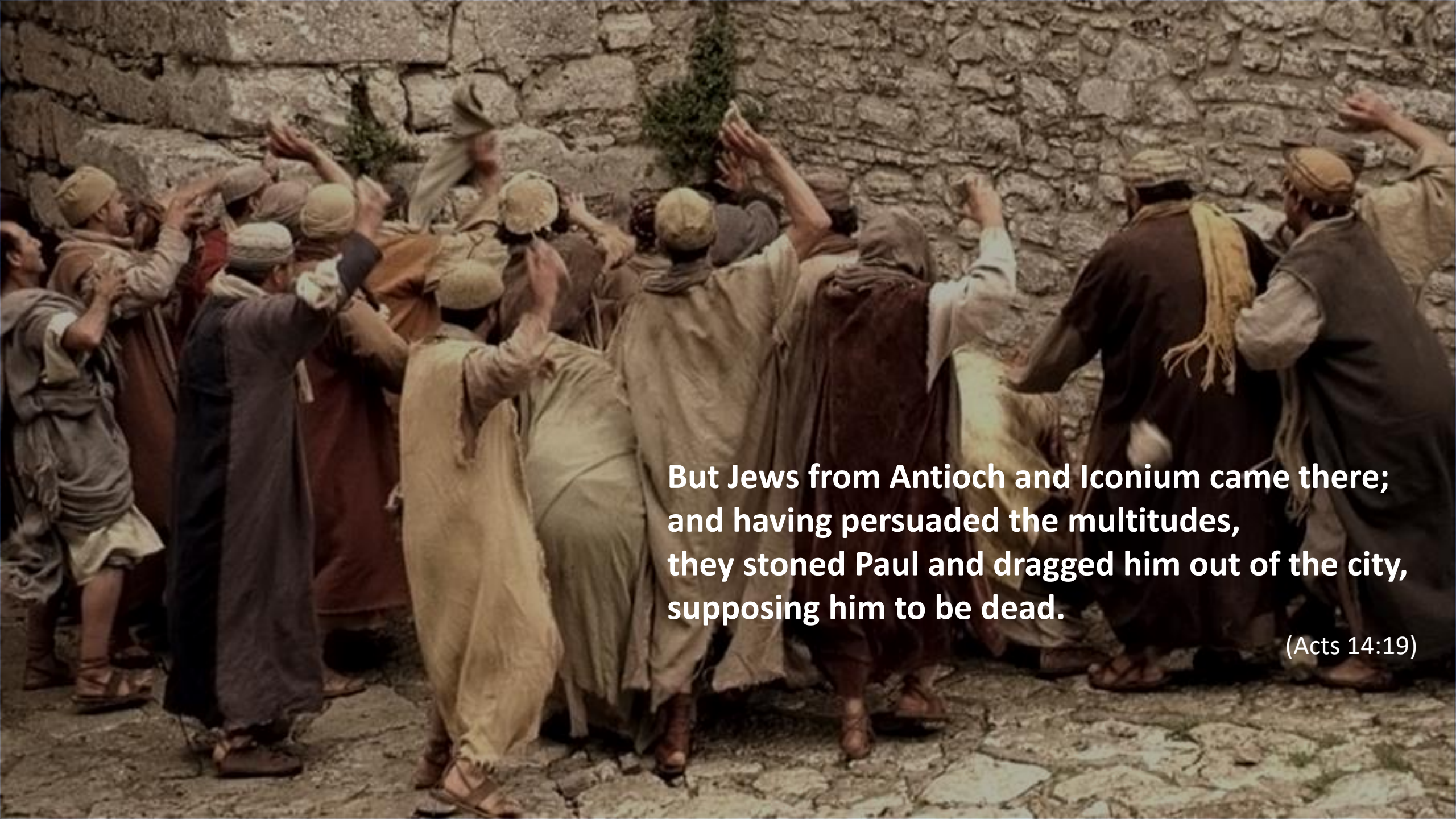
But when the apostles **Barnabas and Paul** heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying,

“Men, why are you doing these things?”

(Acts 14:14-15)

We also are men ...
and preach to you that you should turn
from these useless things
to the living God,
who made the heaven, the earth, the sea,
and all things that are in them...
He did not leave Himself without witness,
in that **He did good,**
gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons,
filling our hearts with food and gladness.
(Acts 14:15-17)





**But Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there;
and having persuaded the multitudes,
they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city,
supposing him to be dead.**

(Acts 14:19)

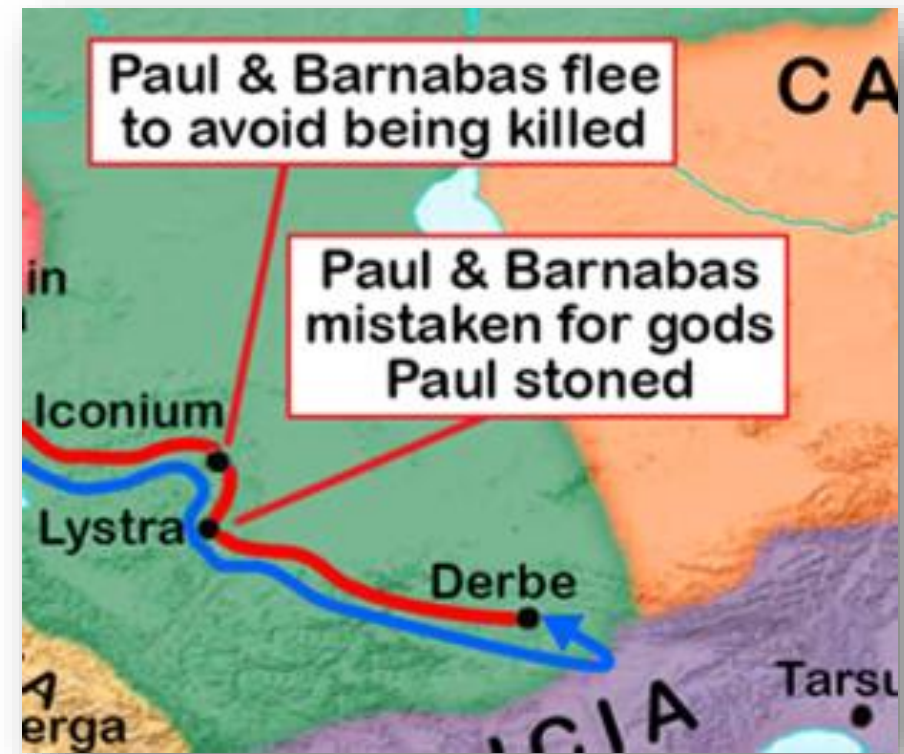


However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city.

120 km by road today...

And the next day he departed with Barnabas to **Derbe**.

(Acts 14:20)



And when they had preached the gospel to that city
and made many disciples...

...they returned to **Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch...**

(Acts 14:21-22)



...they returned to **Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch...**

...strengthening the souls of the disciples,
exhorting them to continue in the faith...
(Acts 14:21-22)

*We must through many
tribulations enter the
kingdom of God.*

So when they had appointed
elders in every church,
and prayed with fasting,
they commended them to the Lord
in whom they had believed.
(Acts 14:23)



Later, on the second journey...

Paul came also to **Derbe** and to **Lystra**. A disciple was there, named **Timothy**...
(Acts 16:1)

Very much later...

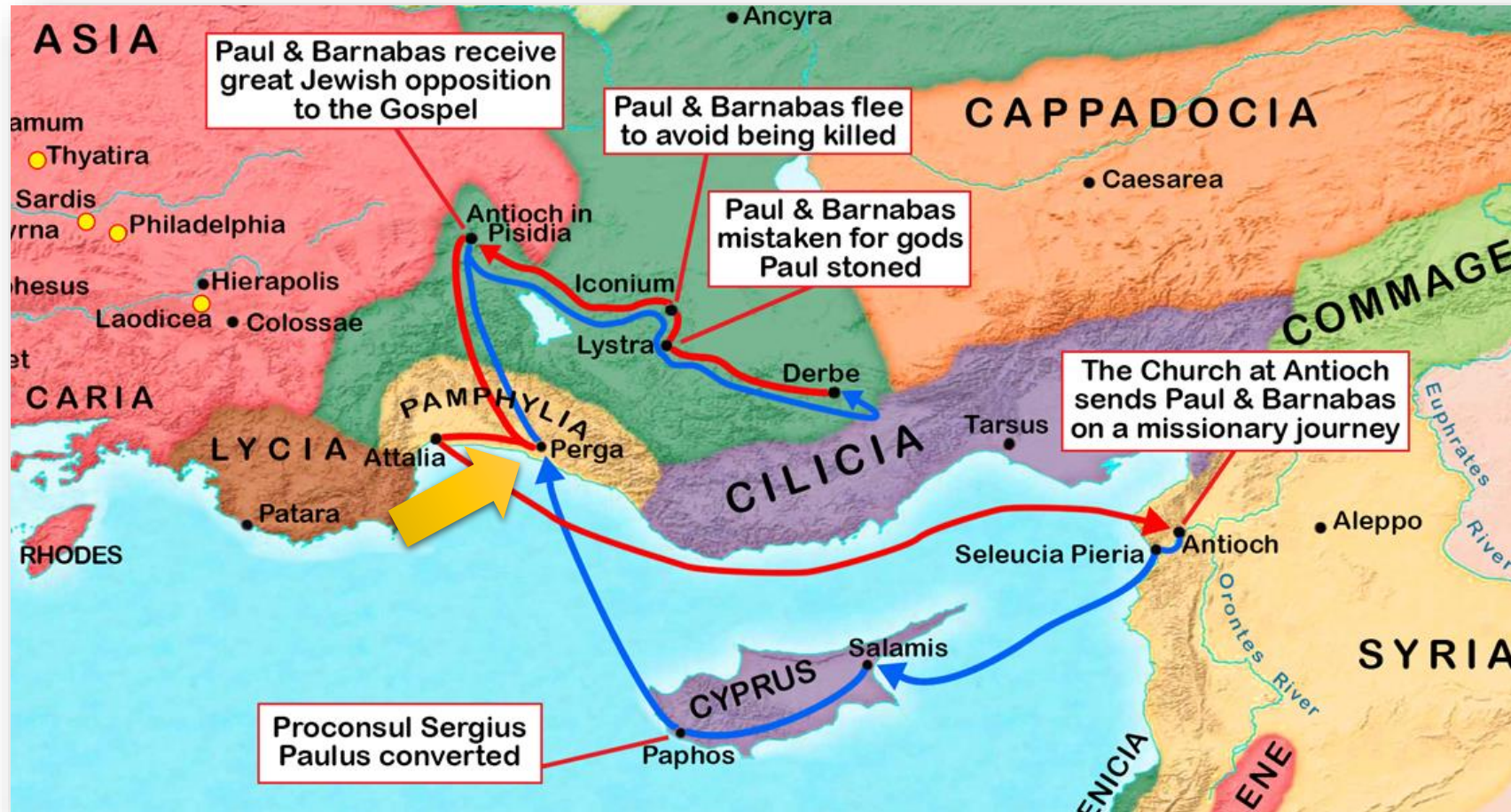
You ... have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life ...
my persecutions and sufferings
that happened to me at **Antioch**, at **Iconium**, and at **Lystra**...
(2 Timothy 3:10-11)

**All who desire to live
a godly life in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.**

(2 Timothy 3:12)

And after they had passed through **Pisidia**, they came to **Pamphylia**.
Now when they had preached the word in **Perga**, they went down to **Attalia**.
From there they sailed to **Antioch**...

(Acts 14:24-26)

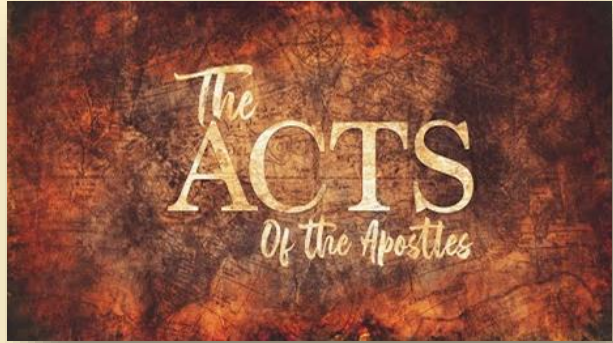




Now when they had come and **gathered the church together**, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened **the door of faith** to the Gentiles.

So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

(Acts 14:27-28)



Next: An urgent conference in Jerusalem...