

Acts 12:25-13:12

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 4-12-17

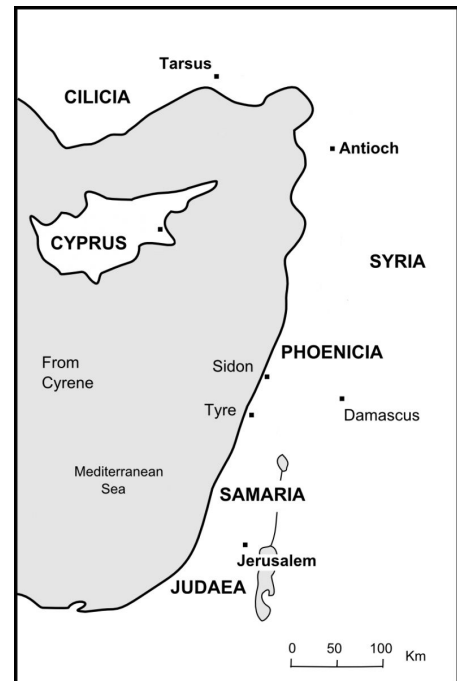
IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles (12:25-21:17)

- A. The first missionary journey (12:25-14:28)**
- B. The Council of Jerusalem (15:1-16:5)
- C. Mission in Macedonia (16:6-17:15)
- D. Paul in Athens (17:16-34)
- E. Corinth and Ephesus (18:1-19:41)
- F. More about Ephesus (20:1-21:17)

Barnabas and Saul Are Sent from Antioch - 12:25-13:4a

12:25 - accomplished their mission, return to Antioch with John Mark

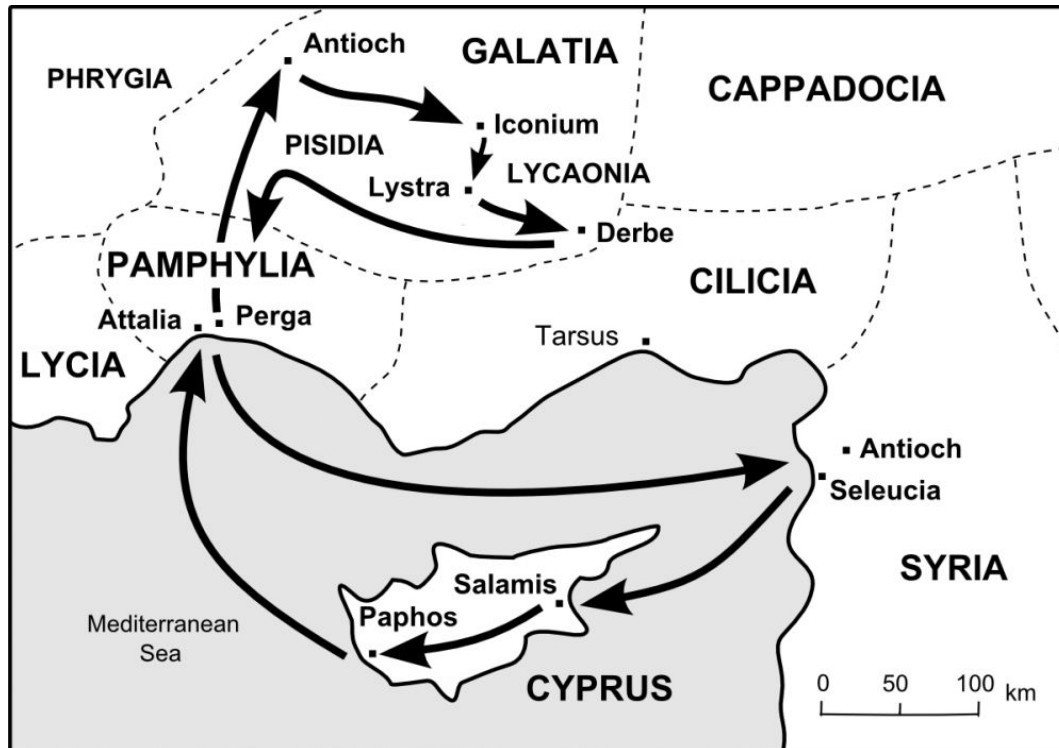
- Antioch's cosmopolitan composition reflected in church's _____ and _____
- 13:1 - 5 "prophets and teachers"
 - Barnabas - a Levite from Cyprus (cf. 4:5)
 - Simeon - a Hebrew name, but also called Niger ("black") - a black African (cf. Luke 23:26; Mark 15:21; Rom. 16:13)
 - Lucius of Cyrene - - another North African
 - Manaen - the Herodian _____!
 - Saul of Tarsus in Cilicia



V. 2 - Significant occasion

- To whom did the Holy Spirit reveal his will?
 - The _____
 - Both mentioned in v. 1
 - Cf. the 7 in 6:2-6
 - Upon return in 14:26-27
- What was it that the HS revealed to the church?
 - Compare to Abram in Gen. 12:1
 - The _____ call is clear, but the _____ are not.
 - An adventurous step of _____! (2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 2:5; John 8:12)
- How was God's will disclosed?
 - Prophet? Inward impression?
 - Their response (v. 3): _____ and _____
 - Fasting linked to worship (v. 2) and prayer (v. 30). An _____ discipline.
- Who commissioned them?
 - The church (v. 3) or the Holy Spirit (v. 4)? The answer: _____.
 - Balance between _____ and _____
 - A picture of _____ between the church and the Spirit

Barnabas and Saul in Cyprus - 13:4b-12



Vv. 5-6 - Preached tour of Cyprus from Seleucia to Paphos - from west to east (90 miles)

Vv. 6-7 - proconsul (governor) Sergius Paulus

- Intelligent and _____
- Elymus the magician/Bar-Jesus (“son of salvation”) - court wizard
 - V. 8 - opposes the missionaries

Vv. 9-11 - Signs of seriousness

- Change of _____
- Filled afresh with the _____ - boldness, outspokenness, and power are from _____!
- Compare with 8:30ff. - coincidence or contrast?
- “Child of the devil!” Enemy of goodness and truth, an utter impostor and charlatan. Making crooked the straight paths of the Lord by perverting the truth.
- God’s judgment was fitting (cf. Isa. 5:20) - a “mist and a darkness” (Luke’s medical terms)
- V. 12 - the proconsul “believed” and was “amazed” (“shaken to the core”) by _____ and _____
- The power of God overthrowing of the evil one
- The first truly Gentile convert