

Acts of Jesus – part 29

Acts 13

VV. 13-14 – John Mark, the writer of the book of Mark, leaves them for reasons we do not know, but Paul had an issue with it and refused to take him on the next missionary journey.

--Nevertheless, he is restored to ministry some time later and is a companion of Paul's and then Peter. II Timothy 4:11

--What follows is the first recorded sermon that Paul preaches. He's already been preaching for years and had been speaking in synagogues like this one for some time.

Pisidian Antioch is part of the region in Asia Minor that was called Galatia and the book of Galatians was written to them among other cities and churches. Galatians 1:1

--This city was the administrative center of Galatia.

--It was about this time in the first missionary journey that Paul fell ill: Galatians 4:12-16

--This city was 100 miles from the coast and 3600 feet above sea level in the Taurus Mountains.

--It was not an easy journey getting there. Very steep, and had to ford at least one river to get to the city.

--This was a dangerous journey because the road was infested with thieves and bad people and you didn't dare travel through there by yourself or with a small party. II Corinthians 11:26

Acts 13:15-41 – Notice, he appeals directly to what the Old Testament had always taught.

V. 33 is from Psalms 2:7

V. 34 is from Isaiah 55:3

V. 35 is from Psalms 16:10

V. 47 is from Isaiah 49:46

How did they preach Jesus without the Old Testament? Jesus preaches His entire ministry on the Old Testament!

--Luke 24:13-27; I Corinthians 15:3-4; II Timothy 3:15-17 – none of these are referring to the New Testament—Jesus and the message about Him are all over the Old Testament.

Acts 13:44-48 – This was sort of the pattern from here on as they ministered in the cities. The Jews were first but often rejected the message, largely, and the Gentiles were more receptive.

Romans 1:16

Acts 14:1-7 – Such opposition! We often read opposition as God is against whatever it is that we are doing, but they did not.

--I Corinthians 16:8-9 often it is where the opposition is greatest that the biggest doors are opened.

Acts 14:8-28