



Exploring Galathea

Exploring Churches in Galatia

- Starting with Paul's conversion and travels, the first missionary journey will take us to the locale and establishment of the first churches in Galatia. The Judaizing element challenges the sufficiency of Christ leading Paul to write his harshest letter which deals directly with this issue..



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- Galatians is written to these churches which have been infiltrated by Judaizing teachers that insist that the new Christians were obligated to observe Jewish laws in order to be in a “correct” relationship with God. Paul’s response is direct and uncompromising as he confronts those adding a burden to those who have been set free



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- Our goal for today is a review of lesson 1 and a look at Paul's 1st missionary Journey and the establishment of churches in Galatia.
- An exercise of looking at the content of early sermons in Acts may shed light on what was being taught and a guide for our outreach.



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- We observed Stephen and his credentials.
- He was one of seven to provide food for the widows.
- After the apostles had laid hands on these men, Stephen did signs and wonders and proclaimed Christ.



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- Stephen was dragged to the Sanhedrin
- His speech was direct and clear about the mindset of the group and they were enraged to a murderous fury based on what Stephen had proclaimed. As a result, he was stoned to death.
- Saul was in attendance and implicated himself as a supporter to the murder of Stephen.



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- Saul a zealous pharisee sought and received letters of authority from the Sanhedrin to jail those who were of “the way”.
- On the road to Damascus Saul was confronted by Jesus. Paul saw Jesus and was given instruction to go to Damascus.,



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- Ananias was directed by God to meet with Paul at the house of Judas.
- Ananias prayed and scales fell from Saul's eyes and his sight was restored.
- Saul was baptized and then then had some food and drink which he had not had for three days.



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- Paul preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Damascus.
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- He escaped Damascus one night as he was lowered in a basket avoiding the gates.



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- Paul spends 3 year in Arabia
- Paul preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem.
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- This seemed to be a preach Christ then escape mode.
- Acts has the events of Damascus and Jerusalem in sequence with no interlude.
- He escaped Jerusalem and made his way to Caesarea then to Tarsus.



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ACTS 9

- ²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. (of Damascus) **Interlude**
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- ²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.



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Galatians 1

- ¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.
- ¹⁸ Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas^[b] and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.



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Let's talk about Barnabas



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Barnabas Acts 4 :

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.



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Barnabas Acts 9 :

²⁶ When he (Saul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.



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Acts 9 : Saul's Jerusalem Escape

²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews,^[a] but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.



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Acts 11 The Church in Antioch.

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.





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What had happened to Stephen had a profound impact on the church. What had happened to Abraham Lincoln or John Kenedy or Martin Luther King had a profound impact on the United States . Many of us have a memory or where we were and what we doing with faced with the news. The blood of Jesus on the cross is profound in importance to the martyrs that follow.



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Acts 11 The Church in Antioch.

- ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.
- ²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.



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- ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.



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- ²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) .



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- ²⁹The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.



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Why would Antioch be a better site for a Church than Jerusalem?

Distance them selves from the Sanhedrin.

Converting both Jews and Greeks.

Forged a new Identity with the word Christian.



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Paul's Travel Log Before 1st Missionary Journey.....

Traveled to Damascus saw Jesus .. Converted.

Preached in Damascus Escaped. / Three Years in Arabia.

Taught in Jerusalem escaped vis Caesarea to Taurus.

Barnabas finds Paul Brings him to Antioch

Stay in Antioch for a year.

Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem in a relief effort.



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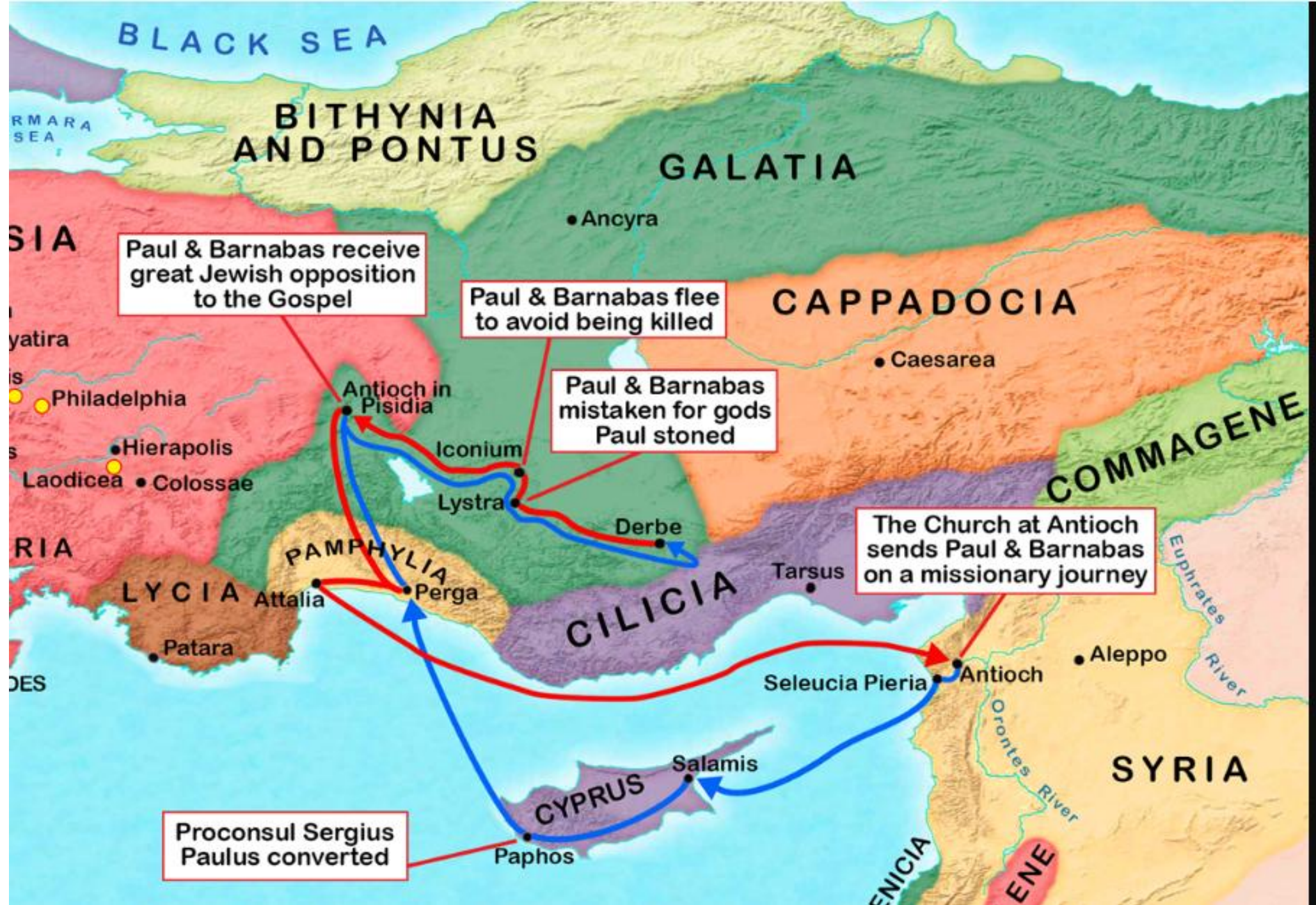
² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



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- The first Missionary Journey....
- Acts chapters 13 and 14 will outline Paul's and Barnabas's travels of the first missionary journey and the establishment of the churches in Galatia.





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- On Cyprus
- ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.



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- On Cyprus Acts 13
- ⁶ They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus,⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus.



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- The distance from **Salamis** to **Paphos** in Cyprus is approximately **222 kilometers (about 138 miles)** by road



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- **In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13:14**
- ¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- **This Chapter has a sermon from Paul that brings the Gospel to the people of Galatia.**
- **Track the elements of the Sermon to get an image of what Paul is teaching.**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.”



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!”
- Inclusive



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ¹⁷ The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; ¹⁸ for about forty years he endured their conduct^[a] in the wilderness;
- Historical



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ¹⁹ and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years.
- Historical



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- “After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.
- Historical



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’
- Historical



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ²⁶ “Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.
- **Messianic / Salvation**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb
- **Messianic / Christ Crucified / Sacrifice**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.
- **Messianic / Christ Resurrected / Overcomes Death**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³² “We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:
- “You are my son;
today I have become your father
- **Messianic Promise Fulfilled / Christ Resurrected / Fulfills Prophecy**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,
- “I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.”^[c]
- **Messianic / Christ Resurrected / Overcomes Death**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere:
- “You will not let your holy one see decay.”^[d]
- Messianic / Christ Resurrected / No decay
- Pauls explains this in following verses.



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁶ “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.
- **Messianic / Christ Resurrected / Explanation of no decay**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁸ “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
- Forgiveness of sins



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.
- Forgiveness of sins / justification / not available under the law



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- ⁴⁰ Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:
- **Warning**



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- In Pisidian Antioch Acts 13
- 41 “Look, you scoffers,
wonder and perish,
for I am going to do something in your days
that you would never believe,
even if someone told you.’[\[e\]](#)”

- **Warning**



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- Compare The Lessons in Acts 2 and Acts 7 with acts 13



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- Antioch in Pisidia, also known as **Antiochia in Pisidia**, was founded in the **last quarter of the 3rd century BC** by the Seleucid Dynasty. However, it only gained prominence after it was refounded as a Roman colony by **Augustus in 25 BC**.



Notes

- The following slides are from a Catholic website they have lists of miracles. It is informative but may have items that need scrutiny. The key point is that miracles were done to help spread the Gospel



Miracle	Saint	Place	Passage
1. Crippled man healed	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 3:1-11</u>
2. Death of Ananias and Sapphira	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 5:1-10</u>
3. Miraculous deeds	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 5:12-16</u>
4. Conferred the Holy Spirit	Peter	Samaria	<u>Acts 8:14-17</u>
5. Paul's Conversion	Paul	Between Jerusalem and Damascus	<u>Acts 9:1-9</u>
6. Aeneas healed of palsy	Peter	Lydda	<u>Acts 9:33-34</u>

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7. Tabitha (Dorcas) raised from the dead	Peter	Joppa	<u>Acts 9:36-41</u>
8. Peter rescued from prison by an angel	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 12:7-17</u>
9. Herod punished with death	Peter	Jerusalem	<u>Acts 12:21-23</u>
10. Elymas the sorcerer is stricken with blindness	Paul	Paphos	<u>Acts 13:6-11</u>
11. A crippled healed	Paul	Lystra	<u>Acts 14:8-10</u>
12. Exorcism of a demon of divination	Paul	Philippi	<u>Acts 16:16-18</u>

Miracle	Saint	Place	Passage
14. Conferred the Holy Spirit	Paul	Corinth	<u>Acts 19:1-6</u>
15. Many persons healed	Paul	Corinth	<u>Acts 19:11-12</u>
16. Eutychus raised from the dead	Paul	Troas	<u>Acts 20:9-12</u>
17. Viper snake rendered harmless	Paul	Malta	<u>Acts 28:3-6</u>
18. Publius' father and others healed	Paul	Malta	<u>Acts 28:7-9</u>