

Acts 14

“The First Missionary Journey - Part II”

Summary

- Paul finishes his First Missionary Journey

Outline

- I. Trouble at Iconium
 - A. Many are saved there - vs. 1
 - B. Opposing Jews stir up trouble - vs. 2
 - C. The ministry there - vs. 3
 - D. The plot against Paul and Barnabas - vs. 4-5
 - E. Escape to Derbe and Lystra - vs. 6-7
- II. Jupiter and Mercury
 - A. Paul heals a cripple man in Lystra - vs. 8-10
 - B. Mistaken for gods - vs. 11-13
 - C. Paul and Barnabas protest - vs. 14-17
 - D. It stops, barely - vs. 18
- III. Trip back to Antioch
 - A. Paul is stoned - vs. 19
 - B. Paul survives - vs. 20
 - C. Revisits previous stops - vs. 20-21
 - D. Sets up the churches there - vs. 22-23
 - E. Returns to Antioch - vs. 24-26
 - F. Back at Antioch - vs. 27-28



Map source (again) - <http://www.generationword.com/notes/bible-information/acts-maps.html>

Notes

Notes on Places

- Iconium
 - About 60 miles from Pisidian Antioch on the Via Sebaste
 - Largely Greek population with a significant Jewish population
- Lystra
 - About 19 miles from Iconium on the Via Sebaste
 - Seems to have had no Jewish population, a first for Paul's journeys
 - Roman Colony
 - Very little excavation has been done at this site
 - Home of Timothy - Acts 16:1-2
- Derbe
 - About 30 miles from Lystra on the Via Sebaste
 - Very little excavation has been done at this site
 - Perhaps had a sizable Jewish population
- Lycaonia
 - Region in Asia Minor
 - People had a local language or dialect
- Pisidia
 - Region in south central Asia Minor
 - Part of Roman province of Galatia
- Pamphylia
 - Region along coast
 - Made up its own Roman province
- Perga
 - Capital of Pamphylia
 - Wealthy and beautiful at the time
 - Very famous Temple of Artemis
- Attalia
 - port city of Perga

Historical Notes

- vs. 5 - stoning was not unknown to Greeks, but probably shows that the Jews' involvement
- vs. 11-12 - Paul and Barnabas are mistaken for gods
 - There are many ancient legends about gods coming to earth in disguise
 - There may have been a local legend about Zeus and Hermes visiting there
 - Jupiter - Greek *Zeus* - supreme god of the heathens
 - Mercury - Greek *Hermes* - messenger of the gods
- vs. 19-20 - What happened to being a god? Paul is stoned and left for dead. Some believe that he was in fact dead and 2 Corinthians 12:1-5.