

Acts 14

Questions

1. What did Barnabas and Paul do in Iconium and what was the response to their work (14:1-2)?
2. How were they treated in Iconium and what was their response to this treatment (14:3-7)?
3. What miracle did Paul perform at Lystra (14:8-10)?
4. How did the multitudes respond to this miracle (14:11-13)?
5. How did Barnabas and Paul react to the multitudes (14:14)?
6. What did they preach about concerning the living God (14:15-18)?
7. What happened to Paul at Lystra (14:19)?
8. Where did Barnabas and Paul travel after Lystra and what did they do there (14:20-21)?
9. Where did they travel after Derbe and what did they do there (14:22-23)?
10. Where did they travel next and what did they do there (14:24-25)?

11. What did they do when they returned to Antioch (14:26-28; compare with 13:2)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where are the following places located: Iconium (14:1), Lycaonia, Lystra, Derbe (14:7), and Attalia (14:25)?

2. Who were “Jupiter” (or “Zeus”) and “Mercury” (or “Hermes”) in 14:12?

3. Why is Barnabas called an apostle in Acts 14:14?

4. Where in the NT did Paul write about being stoned and his other trials (14:19)?
Where in the NT did Paul write about his persecutions at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra?

5. What does it mean to “commend” someone to the Lord or to God (14:23; see also 20:32)?

Applications for Today

1. The preaching of the gospel will bring two results: belief and disbelief (14:1-2; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 28:24; 1 Pet. 2:7).

2. Keep preaching the word even in the face of opposition (14:3-7, 21; see also 13:51; Mt. 10:14).

3. We are all mere humans, not gods, and we should never be worshipped (14:13, 15, 18; Acts 10:26).

4. We serve a living God who is good to all mankind (14:15-17; 1 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 3:12; 10:31).

5. New Christians need confirming and exhortation to stay strong (14:22; Acts 15:32, 41).

6. Christians will pass through many tribulations to enter into the kingdom of God (14:22; Rom. 12:12; Rev. 7:14).
7. Elders (a plurality) are to be appointed in every church (14:23; Tit. 1:5). And, the high and serious spiritual quality of these men is seen in that it did not take a long period of time for these men to be “qualified” to be elders (14:23; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9).
8. The grace of God will help us to do God’s work in God’s way (14:26; Eph. 3:8).
9. God opens doors of faith for people to believe, but we must do our part to walk through those doors and take the gospel to them (14:27; 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8).