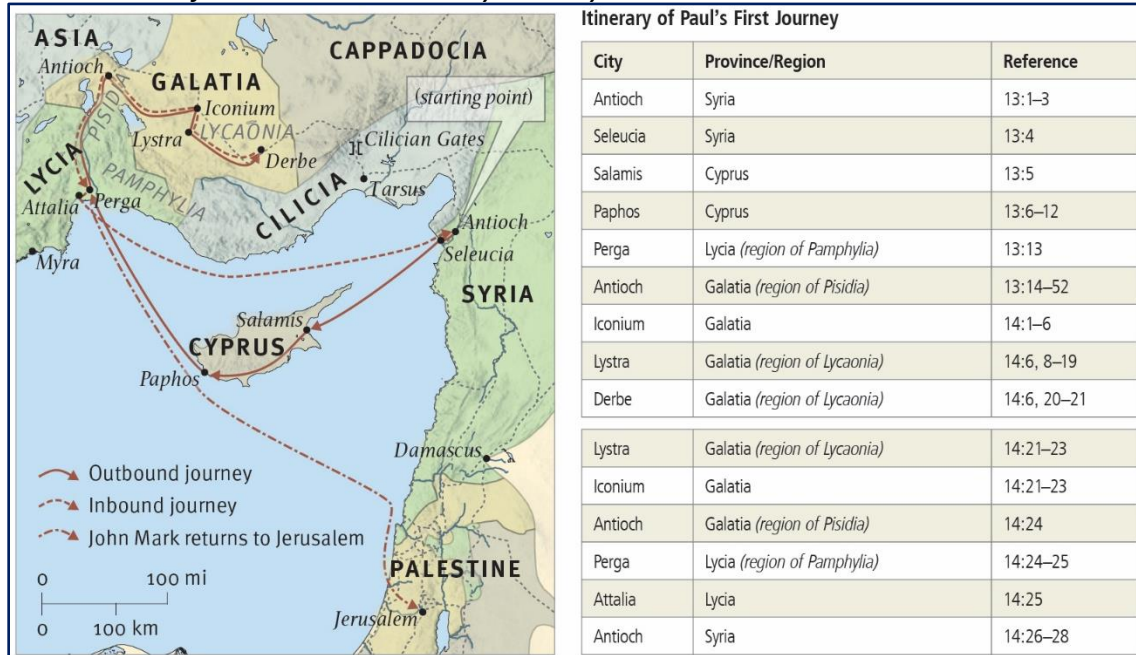


Barnabas—“Son of Encouragement”: First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14)

The date for this First Missionary Journey in Acts 13-14 was around 46-47 A.D.



- I. Barnabas and Saul are selected by the Holy Spirit for the Church's first missionary journey. **(13:1-3)**
- II. Ministry in Cyprus. **(13:4-12)**
- III. John (Mark) leaves the ministry team and heads back to his home to Jerusalem. **(13:13-14)**
- IV. Ministry in Antioch Pisidia. **(13:15-52)**
- V. Ministry in Iconium. **(14:1-7)**
- VI. Ministry in Lystra. **(14:8-20)**
- VII. Ministry in Derbe. **(14:21a)**
- VIII. Revisiting the Galatian churches and establishing church leaders. **(14:21b-23)**
- IX. Return to their sending church in Antioch (Syria). **(14:24-28)**

OBSERVATIONS

1. Barnabas and Paul were **led** by the Holy Spirit and they **obeyed** His will.
2. Barnabas and Paul made **the Word of God** (specifically focused on Jesus Christ) their **focus** and **theme**.
3. Barnabas was not out to make a name for himself. He was **content to share and transfer** his ministry leadership role to Paul.
4. Barnabas and Paul were not content with making converts only: their command was to, “Go and **make disciples**” (Matthew 28:20).
5. Barnabas and Paul were **not afraid of hard work!**

APPLICATION

1. Pray for God to help you **submit to the Holy Spirit’s leading with an obedient heart**.
2. Make **the Gospel of Jesus Christ** (who is the incarnate Word of God) the **focus and theme** of your life.
3. Instead of living to make a name for yourself, **live to exalt the Name of Jesus Christ in your life**.
4. Be actively involved in **your personal discipleship** and in **helping others** in their discipleship journey.
5. Wherever God calls you to share His Word, do it with **diligence and determination!**

BIG IDEA: *Christians must make the Word of God clearly known to others.*