

# ACTS TO REVELATION

Drive Thru History | The World of the First Christians

## This Week

Acts 13:13-14:28

## More Resources



In the Book of Acts, the early Christians experienced opposition from both religious leaders and a secular culture that worshipped the Emperor. In the video linked above (just click on the image or [HERE](#)), the Bible Project helps us consider what God has in mind as Heaven and Earth come into contact through us. Even though it sometimes is difficult to detect, the Kingdom where Jesus is King is breaking into our world and turning things right side up. And you and I have a role to play in the transformation of the world that is desperately in need of hope.

- As we take a look at Paul's 1st missionary journey, how is God using him and his friends to create "purple spaces" (or spaces where the kingdom of God is transforming what sin has broken)?

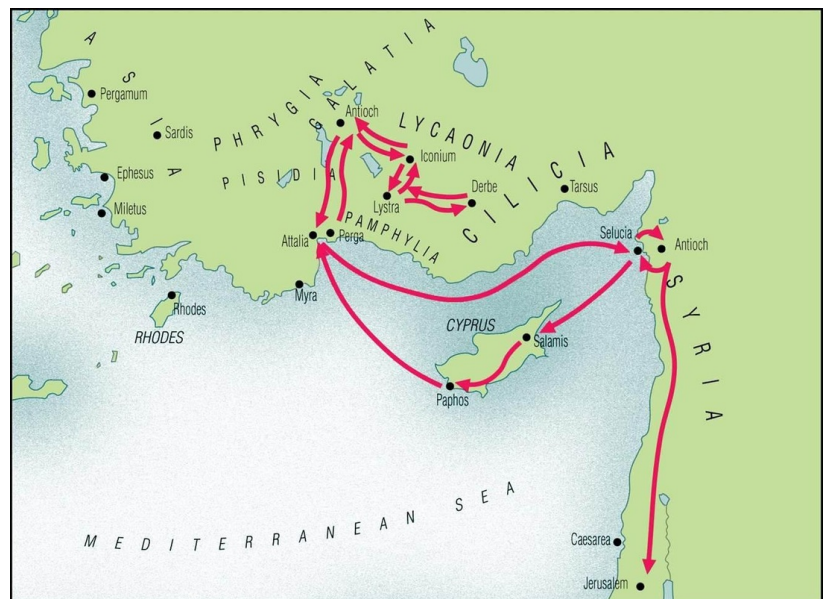


## The Journey Continues: Pamphylia, Galatia, Asia Minor

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Which part of this week's reading caught your attention the most? What insights did you glean? What questions do you have? Is God speaking to you about a situation in your own life through these Scriptures? What are you learning about God?

**MAP OF PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY** ([CLICK](#) to enlarge)



## Even More Resources



**IF YOU WANT TO WATCH EPISODES** of Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation, you can view them online at [TubiTV.com](http://TubiTV.com). Just click **HERE** to access their website.

## Small Group Prayer Requests

To help you pray for one another during the week, please take notes on the requests that are shared. Please remember that everything people talk about in your group is confidential.

## Week 7 Preview

**Up Next: Acts 15:1-16:10, James, 1 & 2 Timothy, Galatians**

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, the Apostle Paul writes, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

Paul uses athletic competition to talk about life as a disciple of Jesus. In the face of great opposition from both religious leaders and cultural forces shaped by the Roman Empire, Paul and Barnabas persevered. With their faith under fire, it was their spiritual fitness that enabled them to continue to proclaim the gospel with boldness and courage. Take a close look at the map of their journey. They could have continued eastbound to Paul's home town of Tarsus. Instead, they were compelled to retrace their steps and strengthen the new believers. Opposition to the gospel was growing and yet more and more people were discovering new life in Christ.

### THE MESSAGE PREACHED AND THE RESPONSE

- In Acts 13:13-52 we listen to a sermon Paul preached in the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch. How did Paul present his case for Christ and why do you think he took the approach he did? What can we learn from the strategy Paul used when it is our opportunity to share our faith?
- Describe the various reactions to their message. What strikes you about Paul and Barnabas' response to what happens to them? What is compelling them to continuing moving forward, sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus?
- Describe what happens in Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. How are you challenged by what you read?
- What do you think motivated Paul and Barnabas to return the way they came even though they knew there were people in those cities who had already harmed them? What did they do on their return trip?
- After all that they endured Paul says that we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. What do you think he means?
- In what ways is your faith in Jesus under fire and what is helping you to persevere?
- What prayer request would you like to share?

## Notes from the Video and Discussion

What insights, questions, challenges, encouragements are you taking with you? Record your thoughts and any action steps you intend to take in the space below.