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# Acts of the Apostles

September 8, 2024

**Acts 13:39:** Through Christ  
**everyone who believes**  
is set **FREE** from every sin,  
a justification **NOT** obtainable  
under the law of Moses.



Sunset 9-3-24



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# Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	The Truth	Paul & Barnabas Divide Iconium, Flee to Lystra & Derbe, - GODS – Return to Antioch
Sept 22	15a	The Gospel	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15b	Kingdom Work	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia
Oct 6	16	Every Opportunity	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul & Silas Beaten, Jailed, Earthquake Freed
Oct 13	17	Believe	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	Together	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	Motives	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x "The Way"
Nov 3	20-21	Commit	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	Witness	Paul—Roman Citizen, Sanhedrin, to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

Perhaps Paul has ALREADY given this Acts 13 message a dozen times from across Cyprus to landing in the port city of Perga in Pamphyilia – southern Turkey today  
We already know the HEART of message as he refines it again and again

# Our Church

What are yah gonna do ...

When they ask **YOU?**

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# **Acts 13 Theme: Christ's Death & Resurrection Central Gospel Message of Forgiveness**

## **Acts chapter 13**

**1-12 Paul & Barnabas to Cyprus' city of Paphos**

**13-41 Paul's FIRST Written Sermon in Synagogue in Pisidian Antioch**

**16-25 Moses to Christ – Egypt, Moses, David, Jesus**

**26-29 Crucified – Rulers Killed the Innocent**

**30-37 Resurrected – God Raised Him, Witnesses, O.T. Foretold**

**38-41 Proclaimed – Let Forgiveness Be KNOWN**

**42-52 Paul & Barnabas Followed as a "Light to the Gentiles"**

**I suspect a theme song for the beloved Apostle Paul**



**As Paul enters each new city ...**

**I imagine a song on Paul's splendid mind  
PERHAPS "The Old Rugged Cross"**

**George Bennard (1873-1958) -**

**Methodist hymn writer & Minister  
authored 100+ songs, best known**

**"The Old Rugged Cross" (1913)**

**Biggest selling sheet music in the last 100 y  
A HOST of major artists have sung it**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross**

**The emblem of suffering and shame**

**And I love that old cross where the dearest and best**

**For a world of lost sinners was slain**

**Few knew just HOW LOST they were than ex-Prosecutor Paul!**





# Paul's 8 Sermons in Acts

<i>Where</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Length</i>
<b>During 1st Missionary Journey</b>			
Synagogue at Pisidian Antioch	Jesus is the Messiah & fulfilled the O.T..	13:13-41	2nd - 29
<b>During 2nd Missionary Journey</b>			
Areopagus in Athens	God holds accountable for response His Son	17:16-33	6th – 18
<b>During 3rd Missionary Journey</b>			
Ephesian elders in Miletus	Believers must remain faithful in persecution	20:17-38	5th - 22
<b>In Jerusalem – then to Rome</b>			
Mob in Jerusalem	Paul recounts blindness & ministry to Gentiles	22:1-29	1st - 30
Jerusalem Sanhedrin	Paul defended himself as a Pharisee & Roman	23:1-6	8th - 6
Felix in Caesarea	Paul defended as persecuted for his faith in Jesus	24:1-25	3rd - 25
Agrippa in Caesarea	Paul shared how his encounter with Jesus	26:1-23	4th - 24
Jewish leaders in Rome	Paul affirmed his Jewish heritage & faith in Christ	28:17-20	7th - 17



# Key Verse Acts 13:39

## New International Version

**Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were NOT able to obtain under the law of Moses.**



Alternate Title

# Ask and Shall Receive

**Jews in Antioch Pisidia ASKED for Paul's Opinion**

**Well, don't ask some people ... unless you**

**REALLY want to know**



# That Great Philosopher Hagär the Horrible has a word on that



pretty honest answer



**13:1 – 14:28**

**Paul's *FIRST* Missionary Journey**

13:1-12 To Cyprus

14:1-7 Iconium

13:13-52 Pisidia Antioch

14:8-28 Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch

**15:1-35**

**Jerusalem Council**

**15:36 – 18:22**

**Paul's *SECOND* Missionary Journey**

15:36 – 16:10

Antioch to Troas

16:11-40

Troas to Philippi

17:1-34

Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens

18:1-22

Athens to Corinth

**18:23 – 21:16**

**Paul's *THIRD* Missionary Journey**

18:23 – 19:41

Ephesian Pentecost

20:1 – 21:16

Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return

**21:17 – 28:31**

**Paul in Route to & in Rome**

21:17 – 23:35

In Jerusalem

24:1 – 26:32

In Caesarea

27:1 – 28:15

Voyage to Rome

28:16-31

Ministry in Rome



# 13:1 – 14:28 Paul's First Missionary Journey

13:1-12 Antioch to Salamis in Cyprus  
Then overland about 100 miles to Paphos

13:13-52 to Pisidian Antioch

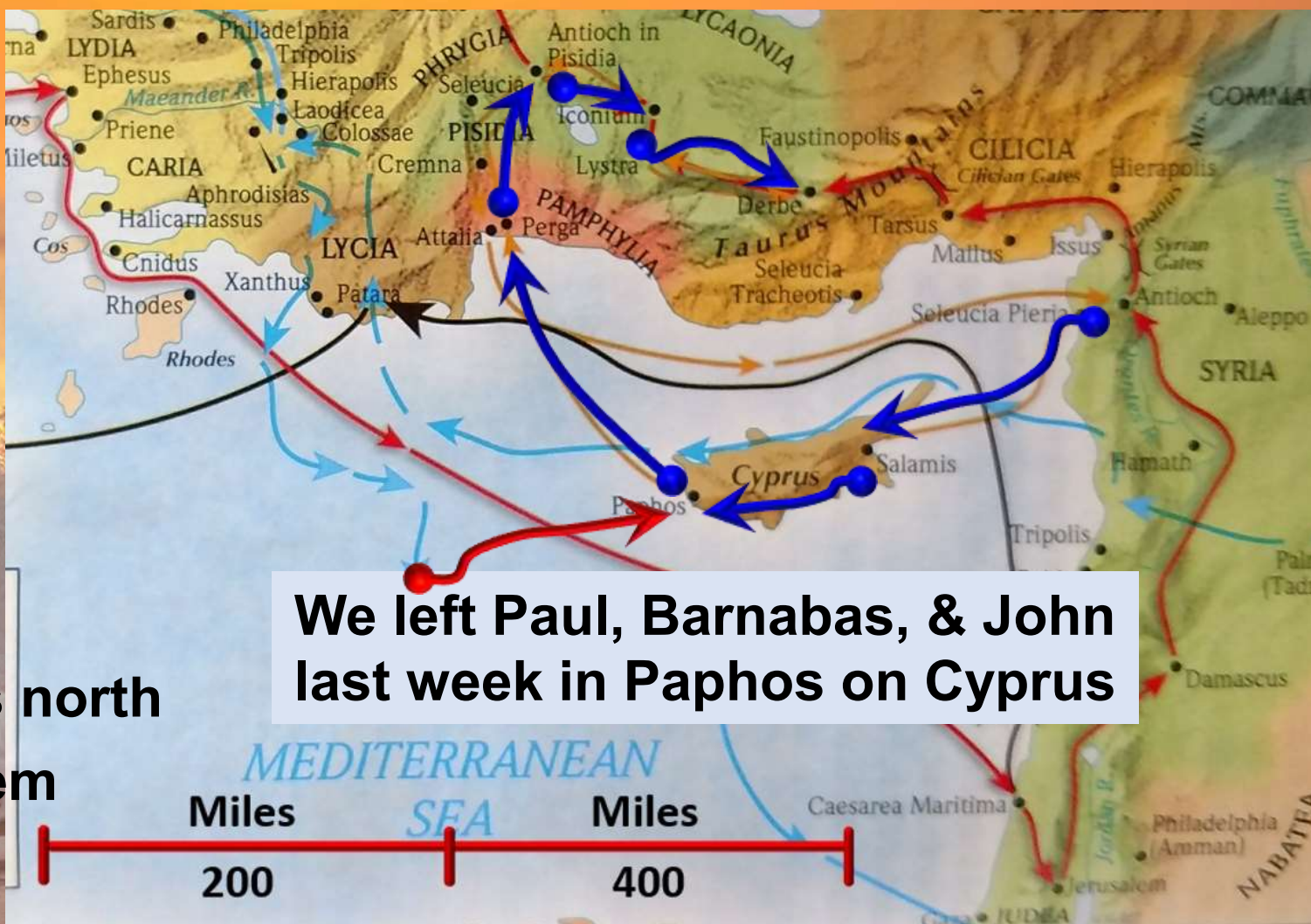
Acts 14 next week to  
Iconium, Lystra & Derbe

**Conscious  
spreading of  
the church**

Get the picture so far?

Paul's been preaching ALL  
across Cyprus, then sails north

Since Damascus & Jerusalem  
he's getting GOOD at it



We left Paul, Barnabas, & John last week in Paphos on Cyprus



**“The Old Rugged Cross” (1913)  
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**As Paul talked over campfires  
Lunches at Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Over breakfast at I-Hop ...**

# **PAUL KNEW**

**To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true**

**It's shame & reproach gladly bear**

**And he'll call me some day  
to my home far away**

**Where his glory forever I'll share**





Acts 13:11-14 Paul & Barnabas  
sail from Paphos to Perga

John returns to Jerusalem

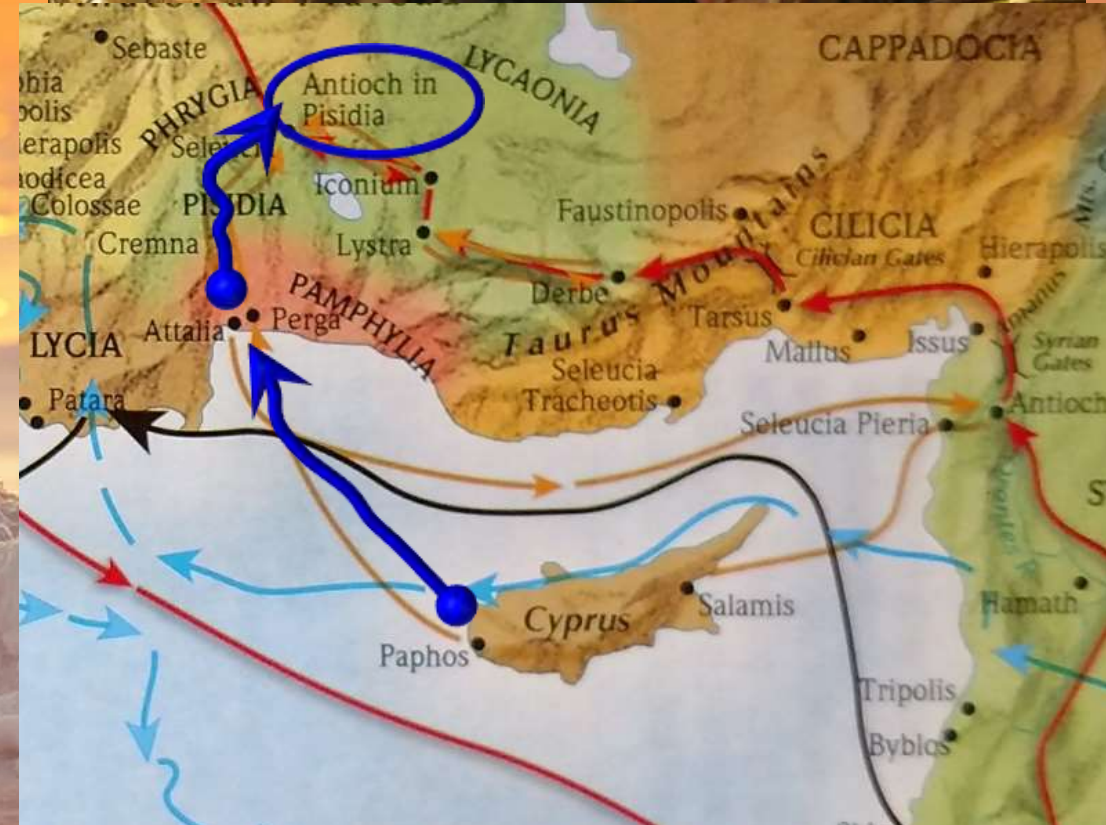
Paul & Barnabas overland to  
Antioch in Pisidia

Paul visits a synagogue, and ...

Guess what ... ????

13:15, After the reading from the

**Law & the Prophets, the leaders  
... sent word ... "Brothers,  
if you have a word of exhortation  
for the people, please speak."**





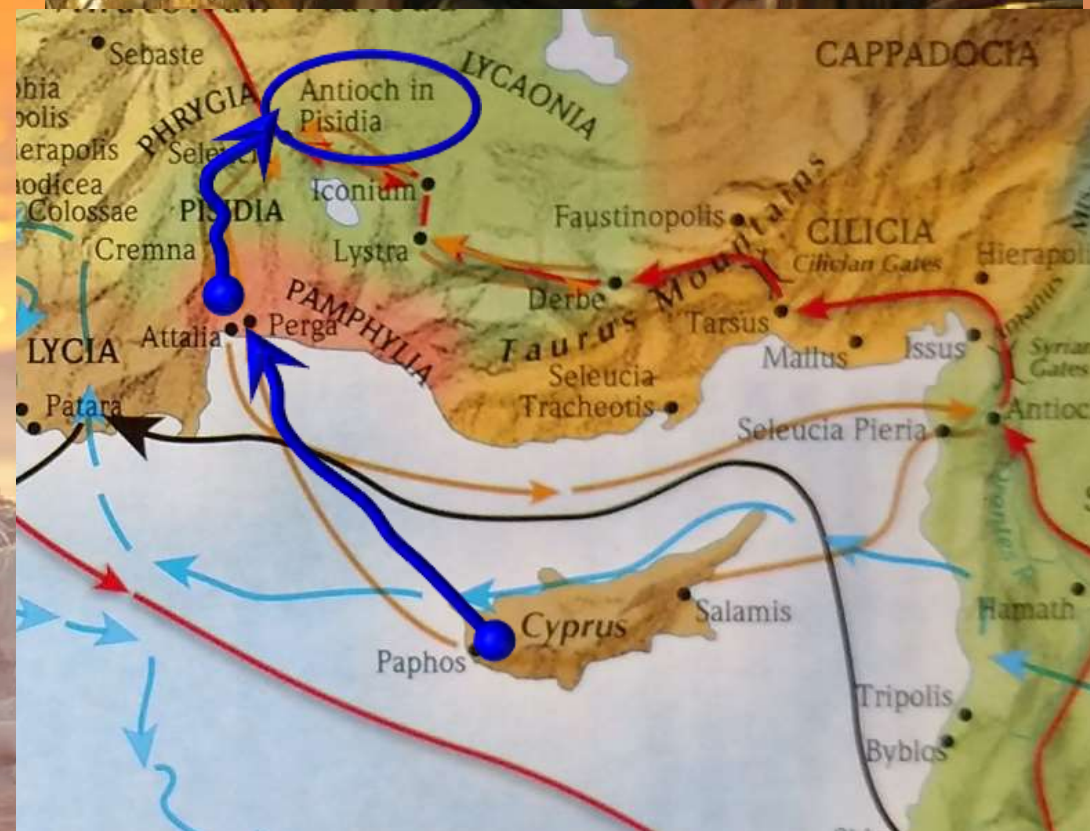
Check ... That ... OUT!

They ASK Paul & Barnabas  
If they have a WORD of what?  
exhortation

Take a guess at who **Stands UP?**

Yeah ... Paul stands UP & gives  
his first *recorded* sermon

Though by now, Ph.D. Paul  
has been the **AMAZING** scholar  
from Jerusalem to Antioch  
to now Antioch in Pisidia



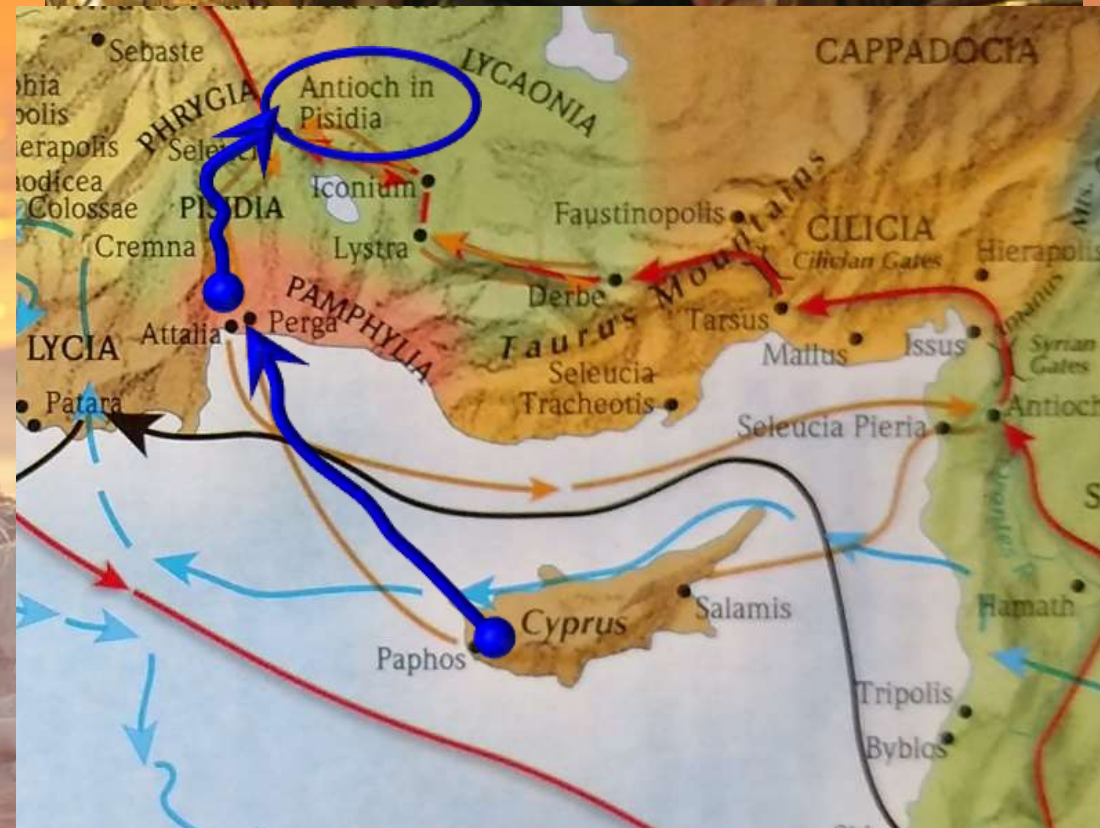


**Check ... That ... OUT!**

**After Luke 4:16-27—t's 2nd time  
Dr. Luke details a synagogue  
1st Century Jews used 3-year  
lectionary of sorts ...**

**Reading through Pentateuch &  
Prophets, former IN ORDER  
Pentateuch in succession with  
Prophets relevant to Pentateuch  
Every 3rd year! ... aahh Paul**

**Knew That**





**Paul the Apostle STANDS UP**

**They ASKED for it!**

**They're going to GET IT.**

**They ask what's on HIS mind**

**They asked Dr. Saul-Paul, Ph.D.**

**The fired-up, no-nonsense,  
in-the-face of Elymas**

**Paul the ex Chief Prosecutor**

**Formerly blinded, now healed**

**The SEEING Dr. Saul-Paul**

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13:16-25 Moses to Christ – Egypt, Moses, David, Jesus

13:16, **Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, LISTEN TO ME!”**

Paul has *ALREADY* traveled more than

- ✠ **MANY Israelites AND Gentiles**
- ✠ **Visited *MORE* synagogues**
- ✠ **Debated and Taught *MORE* Jews & Gentiles**
- ✠ **Dr. Saul-Paul, Ph.D.—*ohhh*, we have so so very little in our TINY New Testament**



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13:16-25 Moses to Christ – Egypt, Moses, David, Jesus

We only have 13 short Epistles by Paul

Did Luke travel with Paul ... *not sure*

This sermon is from the hand of Dr. Luke

- ✠ Researched ... Written by Dr. Luke
- ✠ Maybe, perhaps HEARD by Luke?
- ✠ Recorded by Luke from interviews?
- ✠ So short, we assume Paul said *MORE*
- ✠ As is, a masterpiece, short, succinct
- ✠ Pointed message on our salvation in Christ





13:16-25 Moses to Christ – Egypt, Moses, David, Jesus

Paul standing, 13:17, **God of the people  
of Israel chose our ancestors ...**

- ✠ 17 **Prospered them in Egypt ...**
- ✠ 17 **Led them out w Mighty Power ...**
- ✠ 18 **God *endured* them for 40 years ...**
- ✠ 19 **Overthrew 7 nations of Canaan ...**
- ✠ 20 **All this took 450 years ... then Judges ...**
- ✠ 21-22 **then King Saul ... then King David ...  
David—“a man after my own heart” ...**





**13:16-25 Moses to Christ – Egypt, Moses, David, Jesus**

**From David, Dr. Paul goes straight to Jesus**

**13:23, “From this man’s descendants  
God has brought to Israel the  
Savior Jesus, as he promised.**

**Before Jesus ... John’s baptizing**

**As John was completing his work**

**13:25, But there is one coming after me  
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.**

**With the tantalizing intro behind him**

**Dr. Paul-Saul, Ph.D., then goes for the**

**Jewish Theological Jugular**





13:26-29 Crucified – Rulers Killed the Innocent

Going straight to Christ ... Paul builds

<sup>26</sup> “Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

<sup>27</sup> People of Jerusalem & rulers ... in condemning him ... fulfilled prophet’s words that are **READ EVERY SABBATH.**

<sup>28</sup> *innocent* ... they asked for execution ...

<sup>29</sup> carried out all that was

**WRITTEN about him...**





**“The Old Rugged Cross” (1913)**

**All the videos I looked at**

**Did not include the 2nd & 3rd stanza**

**STILL, I imagine Paul having**

**similar words on his splendid mind ...**



**On that old rugged Cross**

**So despised by the world**

**Has a wondrous attraction for me**

**For the dear Lamb of God,**

**Left His Glory above**

**To bear it to dark Calvary**



13:30-37 Resurrected – God Raised Him ...

History lesson over ... now the Good News

**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.**

**32-33 “We tell you the good news:  
What God promised our ancestors he has *FULFILLED* for us, their children,  
**by raising up Jesus****





13:30-37 Resurrected – God Raised Him ...

Driving it home with a quote from Psalm 2:7

As it is written in the second Psalm:

“You are my son; today  
I have become your father.”

<sup>34</sup> God raised him from the dead so that  
he will never be subject to decay.

Then Paul jumps to Isaiah 55:3

As God has said, “ ‘I will give you  
the holy and sure blessings  
promised to David.’

**Dr. Paul shows both Psalms & Isaiah pointing to Christ**





13:30-37 Resurrected – God Raised Him ...

These Jews **KNEW** the Psalms & Isaiah

Thanks to the LXX, Septuagint, there were many copies of the Greek Old Testament

Now Paul quotes Psalm 16:10

**35 So it is also stated elsewhere:**

**“You will not let your holy one see decay.”**

**36 When David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.**





**13:30-41 Resurrected – God Raised Him ...**

**Now the most important point:**

**37 But the one whom God raised  
from the dead did not see decay**

**Eternal life ... to be sure**

**First born from the Dead**

**This was Dr. Luke's reconstruction**

**What was the WHOLE message?**

**Oh, we can only dream ...**





13:38-41 Proclaimed – Let Forgiveness Be KNOWN

Near the end ... Paul closes

**38** Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

**39** Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able *not able* to obtain under the law of Moses.

That is GOOD NEWS

People of Antioch in Pisidia *cherish* these words





“The Old Rugged Cross” (1913)

I imagine Paul having

similar words on his splendid mind ...

**Paul *KNEW***

**In the old rugged Cross,  
stain'd with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see**

**For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died**

**To pardon and sanctify me**





**13:38-41 Proclaimed – Let Forgiveness Be KNOWN**

**Paul closes quoting from Habakkuk 1:5  
NOT from Hebrew, but from Greek LXX**

**40 Take care that what the prophets  
have said does not happen to you:**

**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.”**

**Old Testament points to Christ ...**

**Paul uses the O.T. masterfully**





As Paul & Barnabas leave the Synagogue

People fawn over them ... desiring more

**44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.**

Jews become **“filled with jealousy”**

Jews contradict & heap abuse upon PAUL

Jews—Moses NOT so important anymore

Jews—Law of Moses FULFILLED in Christ

Jews—Their CONTROL of the world ENDS

**Jews HEAP abuse upon Paul**





However, Gentile believers were **GLAD**

**49 The word of the Lord spread  
throughout the whole region.**

There you have it ... after Paul's many defenses  
for several years in numerous towns, we have:

- ✠ First **RECORDED** message of mighty St. Paul
- ✠ First **RECORDED** message **OUTSIDE** of Israel
- ✠ First **RECORD** outside of Israel that clarified

**Law of Moses' FULFILLMENT in**

# **Resurrection of Christ**





**“The Old Rugged Cross” (1913)  
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**There’s a refrain I think  
you know well**

**So I'll cherish**

**the old rugged cross**

**Till my trophies at last I lay down**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross**

**And exchange it some day for a CROWN**

