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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 25

TO THE JEW FIRST

Listen Up! God's Word to a Religious World

(Acts 13:4-52)

INTRODUCTION:

"It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first..." (v. 46a)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

—Romans 1:16

THE JOURNEY BEGUN (v. 4-5)

"So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper."

1A. REACHING _____ : A _____ (13:6-12)

"When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith." (v. 6-8)

- **Principle:** In every place where the Word of God is proclaimed there are those who want to _____ the good news and those who want to _____ it; those who will _____ it and those who will _____ it.

2A. REACHING _____ : THE _____ (13:13-52)

"And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region." (v. 49)

1B. The _____ : In the _____ on the _____ : (v. 13-15)

"Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem." ¹⁴ But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, 'Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.'

2B. The _____ : Salvation has _____ ! (16-43)

"Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen..." (v. 16)

"And we preach to you **the good news of the promise made to the fathers...**" (v. 32)

1C. The _____ for the Promise (v. 17-21)

"The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt..."

2C. The _____ of the Promise (v. 22-23a)

"After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king,... **From the descendants of this man, according to promise...**"

3C. The _____ of the Promise (v. 23b-25)

"... God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, after John had proclaimed before His coming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel...."

4C. The _____ of the Promise (v. 26-33)

"Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, **to us the message of this salvation has been sent.** ...And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, **that God has fulfilled this promise to our children...**" .

5C. The _____ of the Promise (v. 34-37)

"...He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way... **but He whom God raised did not undergo decay."**

6C. The _____ concerning the Promise (v. 38-43)

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that **through Him** forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and **through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things,** from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses..."

3B. The _____ : Salvation has _____ ! (44-52)

"The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming. ⁴⁶ Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; **since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.**"

CONCLUSION:

- Jesus is... _____ .