

Websites...‘buy a sermon’ – I have very strong feelings about this...Wrestle with the text and lose

- As a rule...I don't preach someone else's sermon...today I break my rule – Scares me to death
 - I'm going to preach Paul's sermon from **Acts 13:13-41** | How I preach this will be worse...

Similar to the sermon preached by Peter in Acts 2 | Similar to the sermon preached by Stephen Acts 7
Big Idea – Mission Requires Movement – The Mission is a Message | Only one message...P/P/S

Signet Rings – Spoken in the Bible – Early as 3500 B.C. – Carriers of messages...

- Was it the carrier that was important? Was it the message contained and who it was from?

We are message carriers – The message is important because of who it's about and where it's from

Paul understood he was nothing more than delivery system...today we look at the message he carried

¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.”

PICTURE | Antioch in Pisidia – Not Syria - Roman providence of Galatia. Chief civil and military center

- Synagogue worship: 1) Recitation Shema | 2) Prayers| 3) Priestly blessing |4) Reading from Torah
 5) Reading from the prophets | 6) Sermon | 7) concluding benediction. | **Paul asked...JOKE**

Work sermon...**Summarize** it into two statements and then a final question – **What we tell...Told**

1. Brokenness is necessary to prepare people for Jesus (16-25)

¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance.²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God

gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’ Connecting Dots...

Subjects and predicates...who is doing the action | God blesses and humans break – EVERY TIME!

- Patriarchal Fathers: Abraham | Isaac | Jacob | Joseph = Disaster
- Moses: Killed guy | Ran from punishment | Told God ‘no’ | Disobeyed & kept from Promise Land
- “He put up with them in the wilderness” – Exodus & Numbers to see why it would be worded
- Judges of Israel – ‘Everyone did what was right in his own eyes’
- Saul – The first king of Israel...started off great but was rejected by God for disobedience
- David – Was a man after God's own heart...not perfect – Adultery and murder...repentance
- John the Baptist – Had doubts about whether Jesus was the Messiah

Despite all of that...mess that mankind makes... as we la-ti-dah our power boat...wake of destruction

- Would not God have been just to let us rot in our own desires? Right full penalty we deserve?

God wouldn't, couldn't - why? God Made a Promise By His grace, God promised to send a Savior

- Genesis 3 – We rebelled and God's response was ‘I'll save you!’ – God's grace permeating history
- Acts 13:23 – 2 Samuel 7 = Establish your throne forever!

God is sovereignly moving all of history according to His purpose to fulfill His promise of salvation

- Every inch – Second – Action of human brokenness used by God to make good on His promise

God moved every moment in history to pave the way for His Son

What is He moving in your life to get you to see Him now?

Every moment in your life...ordained or allowed by God...even the hardship...preparing you see Jesus!

Right now...can you see the blessing in brokenness? | Message we carry is one that says:

- Brokenness is because of sin...recognize your brokenness and receive the promise of God

There are some in here wondering, ‘What do we tell?’ | Some need to be told...**TEACH THE TRUTH**

The world, and you in it, are broken because of sin...and sin has dire consequences

But God has promised to send the world...and you a Savior...and His name is Jesus!

2. Belief is required to restore people through Jesus (26-37)

²⁶ “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.” ³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.” ³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm, “You will not let your Holy One see corruption.” ³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he who God raised up did not see corruption.

God used every moment history to bring a solution to brokenness and our first instinct was to kill Him

Focus in on v. 27 | Jesus is...The Fulfillment of Prophecy: **Seed bruised the serpent's head** (Gen. 3:15)

Virgin Son (Isaiah 7:14) | **Born Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2) **Descendent of Abraham** (Gen. 12:2-3) | **Jacob**

(Num. 24:17) | **Jesse** (Isa. 11:1) | **David** (Jer. 23:5) **Priest order of Melchizedek** (Psalm 110:4)

Jerusalem on a donkey (Zech. 9:9) | **Betrayed by Judas** (Ps. 41:9) | **Exact amount of \$** (Zech 11:12)

ALL OF THAT...AND THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM! **BIKE PICTURE** So they put him to death...

And it was all part of God's plan...because for sin to be dealt with...God had to die!

Teach the Truth – The Truth is that Jesus had to die for the penalty of sin...it was God's plan **GOSPEL**

- Executed on a cross...innocent | To pour out His wrath | Purchase our freedom – Laid in a tomb
 Verse 30 ‘But God raised Him from the dead’ – Oh the beauty – Supernatural power of God...!!! **GO!**

Paul is laying out what must be believed! – Jesus Life – Death – Resurrection – Showing – Ascension

He is telling his Jewish contemporaries the same thing I am telling you...

If you think your standing before God is because of anything in you:

Basic goodness, your religious practice – you do not understand the gospel of God's grace
 To be made right with God and go to Heaven to be with God you **MUST** believe in JESUS!

Salvation comes through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

- If Jesus is God's Savior, why did the Jewish leaders reject Him?
 - They rejected Him because they did not recognize Him...do you?!?!
- When Jesus was killed, did that somehow thwart God's purpose?
 - No...it fulfilled God's plan...have you become part of the plan?
- What about all my religious rule following? **NOPE** | What about my goodness...you have none!

What if I've done terrible things? SAME ANSWER...ONLY JESUS SAVES

The one we would joyfully kill daily, will restore you completely, if you just believe by faith!

BROKENNESS – BELIEF Some ‘what to tell’...and some need to be told...| **EVERYONE ANSWER**

3. In what have you entrusted your forever? (38-43)

³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about, “Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

Will you believe in Jesus and be saved or will you scoff at God's promise and be judged

- The promise: God offers forgiveness of sin and justification to everyone who believes in Jesus
- The warning: Be careful not to scoff at God's promise, because scoffers will incur God's judgment
 - Unless you trust in Christ, you will perish. You cannot preach the Gospel unless you preach judgment

Paul finishes with a warning: You're entrusting your eternity in the wrong hands...have you?

- Paul is hammering one truth that we teach – MISSION REQUIRES _ MISSION MESSAGE

- All history is God's history – All history is salvations history

God was working in history to bring His Son into the world

Now He is working in the present to bring the Son into your world

One day He will bring Him back the Son to usher in a new world – Separate beliefs from scoffers

Signet – This is the message from the King you either carry or I just carried to you

Go into COMMUNION – Time to answer the question...