

The Opposition to the Gospel (Acts 13:4a-13)

- ↪ Barnabas & Saul Travel to Seleucia, to the Island of Cyprus – to Salamis and eventually to Paphos (vv.4a-6a).
- ↪ Confronting Bar-Jesus (Elymas the Sorcerer) (vv.6b, 8-11).
- ↪ Ministering to Sergius Paulus (the Roman Proconsul) (vv.7, 12).

Engaging With The Great Commission is Vital to our Souls!

- ↪ The Great Commission is Where God Is Working!
- ↪ The Great Commission is What God is Anointing!
- ↪ The Great Commission is How God Is Defeating The Enemy!

☆ The church on mission is the church that makes the Great Commission their top priority and is committed to sending missionaries to preach the Good News of the Gospel!



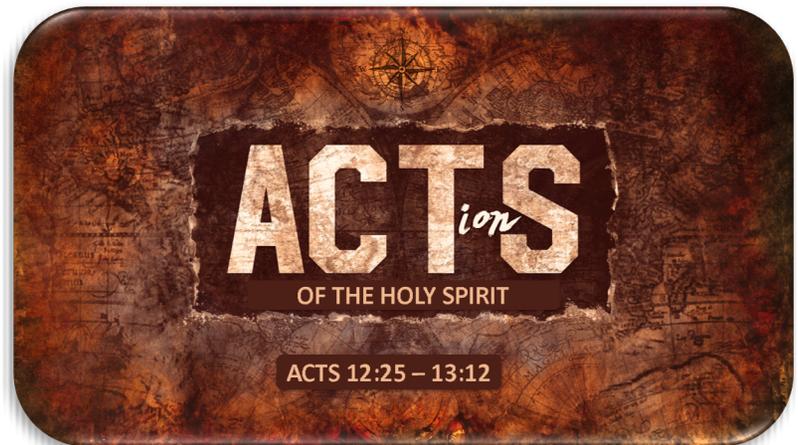
Resource: For more on the authenticity for and archeological evidence of Sergius Paulus see the following website.

<https://biblearchaeologyreport.com/2019/11/15/sergius-paulus-an-archaeological-biography/>



MESSAGE GUIDE

*Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: March 22, 2026*



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Today's Message:

SERIES: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Study of the Early Church With Contemporary Application

*"The Church On Mission: Sending Missionaries
to Preach The Good News of the Gospel"*

Text: Acts 12:25 – 13:12

"The Church On Mission"

Inspired By The Great Commission

↳ The Great Commission of Jesus gives purpose and meaning to our lives here at The Journey!



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- ↳ Barnabas & Saul Appointed (12:25 – 13:3)
- ↳ Preaching in Cyprus (13:4 - 6a)
- ↳ Opposition to the Gospel (13:6b - 11)
- ↳ Sergius Paulus Believes (13:12)



Some Context (Acts 11:27-30; 12:25)

- ↳ Barnabas & Saul Ministering in Antioch, depart for Jerusalem, and return "when they had fulfilled their ministry."
- ↳ Good Things Were Being Done By The Early Christians in Antioch!

The Ministry of the Church In Antioch (Acts 11:24-26)

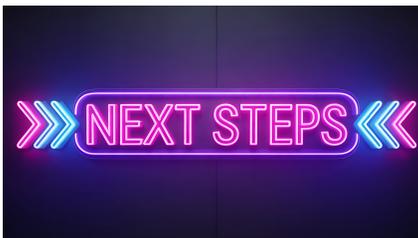
- ↳ The Prophets & Teachers In Antioch (13:1)
 - ☆ Barnabas
 - ☆ Simeon (called Niger)
 - ☆ Lucius of Cyrene
 - ☆ Manaen (brought up with Herod the Tetrarch)
 - ☆ Saul
- ↳ They were teaching, training, preaching, discipling, praying & fasting (vv.2-3).



The Holy Spirit's Calling & Appointment (Acts 13:2-4a)

- ↳ The Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (v.2)
 - ☆ Saul – An Apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15; Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:15; 2:8).
 - ☆ Barnabas – Commissioned as an Apostle (Acts 14:14; 1 Corinthians 9:1-6).
 - ☆ Paul began all three of his missionary journeys from Antioch (Acts 13; 15:35-41; 18:22-23)

- ↳ The church, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, **sent them away** (v.3).
- ↳ It is God Who Calls & Sends! (v.4a) [See also Hebrews 5:4-10]



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