

The Book of
ACTS

BOLD PREACHING IN ICONIUM; A MIRACLE
IN LYSTRA!
(Acts 14:1-10)

Outline of the Book of Acts (Timeline):

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30 AD. (Acts 1): Jesus Christ crucified, buried, & Risen!

(Acts 2): The Holy Spirit comes & 3000 people are saved!

31 AD. (Acts 3-4): The lame man healed at the temple gate; the church in Jerusalem grows to 8000.

32 AD. (Acts 5): Ananias & Saphira judged by God.

33 AD. (Acts 6-7): First deacons chosen in the church to deal with a problem; many Jewish priests are saved; Stephen's ministry leads to his martyrdom.

34 AD. (Acts 8): Persecution breaks out against the church in Jerusalem lead by Saul of Tarsus.

35-37 AD. (Acts 9): Saul (Paul) meets Jesus on the road to Damascus and surrenders in salvation! He begins to spread the Gospel.

37-40 AD. (Acts 9:32—10:48): Peter ministers in Lydda and Joppa. Cornelius, the first fully Gentile convert saved in Caesarea!

41-44 AD. (Acts 11:1—13:3): Barnabas & Saul minister to the church in Antioch, Herod kills James the brother of John, & Peter is put in prison. Peter is rescued by an angel of the Lord; Barnabas and Saul are commissioned by the church for the first missionary journey.

47-49 AD. (Acts 13:4—14:28): Paul & Barnabas on the 1st Missionary journey

I. BOLD FOR JESUS!

A. IN ICONIUM:

- 1 THE WORD OF GOD _____! Some in the crowd immediately believed; others tried to poison (embitter) the minds of the lost.

- 2 2 Cor. 2:15-16—"For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life."
- 3 The American church is in a reputation crisis.
- 4 THE STRATEGY OF _____ & BARNABAS:
- a) Persevere—outlast the roadblocks and outlove those who negatively influence.
- b) Trust—the Lord for His miracle working power.
- 5 Beware of criticism toward a movement of God; Even Paul & Barnabas were run out of town!

B. IN LYSTRA:

- 1 THE _____ OF THE CRIPPLED MAN!
- a) He had been crippled since birth and had never walked.
- b) His identity, his view of himself, was that he was crippled, less than valuable, and defective.
- c) His identity was wrapped up in his deficiency.
- d) BUT...there is only deficiency in you IF GOD IS NOT INVOLVED!
- 2 This man heard Paul proclaiming the name and power of Jesus.
- 3 Paul observed him...that he had faith to be healed (saved—Greek—Sozo). (Also means made whole).
- a) What did Paul see?
- b) Desperation! A man who had abandoned all other avenues of healing. (Remember the healing at pool in Bethesda in John 5)
- c) He saw a man choosing to believe and trust in the mercy and grace of Jesus!