

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY!

(Acts 13:4-12)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)
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A. The Holy Spirit's Selection for the First Missionary Journey (12:24-13:3)

B. The Mission to Cyprus (13:4-12)

1. This mission was another of _____ initiatives in building His church; Luke carefully noted that the _____ ultimately responsible for the venture that followed was the _____. (v. 4)

2. The island of Cyprus was Barnabas' _____ (Acts 4:36), upon arrival they immediately began _____ the gospel _____ in the synagogues (plural). (v. 5)

* Was this to be a pattern for Paul and his companions? (Rom. 1:16; Acts 13:14, 46; 14:1; 16:13; 17:1, 10; 18:4, 19; 19:8; 28:17)

3. After leaving Salamis they _____ 100 miles to the other side of the island to Paphos, which was the regional center of government; here they encountered a Jew practicing _____. (v. 6)

4. This sorcerer Bar-Jesus was an attendant of the _____ Sergius Paulus who had received news of the traveling _____ Barnabas and Saul; he wanted to _____ what they had to say. (v. 7)

5. The sorcerer, fearful that he would lose his _____, did his best to _____ what the missionaries were teaching, and he tried to _____ the governor to stay away from them. (v. 8)

* What does this say about Satan's opposition to the gospel?

6. As a _____ citizen and with a ministry to the Gentiles, Paul chose to use his _____ name from here on out; Luke underscores that Paul was _____ with the Holy Spirit for what he was about to do. (v. 9)

7. Not being intimidated by his spiritual rival, Paul used strong language to confront Bar-Jesus (which meant son of Jesus), he exposed him as the _____ of the _____, an _____ of righteousness. (v. 10)

8. In the first of Paul's recorded _____, he inflicted judgement upon Bar-Jesus with a _____; Bar-Jesus was already in spiritual darkness, now he would be in physical darkness. (v. 11)

9. The "_____ *of the Lord*" coupled with Paul's demonstration of _____ power convinced the governor that Bar-Jesus was an imposter and the gospel was really the _____. (v. 12)

* What can you apply from this passage today?