

## THE TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES IN ICONIUM AND LYSTRA

(Acts 14:1-20a)

### 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)

### IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

#### A. Paul and Barnabas Ministry in Iconium (14:1-7)

1. God was clearly blessing the missionaries' ministry, as evidenced by their preaching so effectively that a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jews and Gentiles \_\_\_\_\_; but once again there was opposition by the unbelieving Jews. (vv. 1-2)
2. Despite the antagonism, Paul and Barnabas \_\_\_\_\_ the course and \_\_\_\_\_ ministered in Iconium a long time, with signs and wonders authenticating their message; the city was \_\_\_\_\_ between the Jews and the missionaries. (vv. 3-4)
3. At some point the satanic attack escalated to a plan for \_\_\_\_\_, with the intention to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul and Barnabas; but they discovered the evil intent and \_\_\_\_\_ to the city of Lystra where they preached the Good News. (vv. 5-7)

#### B. Paul and Barnabas Ministry in Lystra (14:8-20a)

1. By stating that this man was lame from \_\_\_\_\_, Luke stressed the \_\_\_\_\_ of this man's situation; he probably also wanted to demonstrate that this miracle paralleled the one performed by the Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ back in 3:1-8. (v. 8)
2. This lame man \_\_\_\_\_ Paul communicating the Gospel, and he \_\_\_\_\_ that God \_\_\_\_\_ heal him through His messenger; Paul immediately recognized this faith and commanded him to stand up. (vv. 9-10)

3. After witnessing the miracle, the people of Lystra \_\_\_\_\_ Paul and Barnabas as the Greek gods Zeus and Hermes, and they were about to offer an \_\_\_\_\_ to them. (vv. 11-13)

\* Why did Luke refer to the fact that the natives spoke in the local Lycaonian language?

4. Once the missionaries figured out what was taking place, they \_\_\_\_\_ their clothes in protest and immediately \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ to such worship, affirming that they were only human beings like them. (vv. 14-15a)

5. Paul's message was \_\_\_\_\_ based on the OT because this was a crowd of superstitious heathen; he quickly customized his message to declare God's \_\_\_\_\_ revelation of Himself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of "*the heaven, the earth and the sea.*" (vv. 15b-17a)

6. After hearing that this Almighty God was the One who ultimately filled their "*hearts with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*" they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ to them all that much more! (vv. 17b-18)

7. In a surprising turn of events, the \_\_\_\_\_ Jews from Antioch and Iconium traveled to Lystra and were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the multitude to actually \_\_\_\_\_ Paul to death. (v. 19)

8. After being brutally pummeled with rocks, Paul, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ miraculously rose up, brushed himself off and \_\_\_\_\_ went back into the city. (v. 20a, cf. 2 Cor. 11:25; 12:2-5)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage today?