

The First Missionary Journey - Cyprus

Acts 13:4-12

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I. Country (where they went)

1) They had been given the same clear command to evangelize a ___ nations as we have. (Mat.28:18-19)

2) We are to go unto the uttermost part of the earth, but not without bearing witness in Jerusalem (h____)! (Act.1:8; Mar.5:18-20; Act.4:36-37)

3) With all of us there is a danger of spiritual farsightedness (seeing faraway objects clearly, but nearby objects as a b____.) We must not lose sight of those eternal souls that are all around us h____, and the ministry that is ours to reach them.

II. Course (how they went)

If it was God's intent for us to preach only to the elect then Barnabas and Saul wasted a lot of time. Election is G____'s business, preaching the Gospel to every creature is o____ responsibility. (2Th.2:13-14; Rom.9:1-10:15)

1) There was a large community of J____ at Salamis. (Act.13:5; Rom.1:16; Joh.5:39; Mat.17:5)

2) Barnabas, most likely, still had family and f_____ in Salamis, or between there and Paphos. (Act.4:36-37)

Our time, resources and energy are n__ wasted when we are doing God's will. It is ours to be faithful in sowing the Seed. The increase is with the L____. (1Co.3:5-8)

3) Whether they took the easier coastal route or the rugged mountainous route it was still a d_____ journey. They endured, as do we, knowing...

a) They, and we, are on a m_____ for our Lord. (Act.13:4-6a; Pro.3:5-6; Psa.37:23)

b) The Lord's p_____, Word and grace are sufficient to light and cheer our way. (Mat.28:19a,20c; Heb.13:5; Psa. 119:105; Jer.15:16)

III. Contact (who they met when they went here)

1) They have seen hundreds of people since they left Antioch, Seleucia, and Salamis, but we are not told of any individuals until they get to Paphos. God i__ sovereign! Follow H____ leading. (Act.13:4-7; Joh.4:4)

2) Sergius Paulus was a proconsul. For along time many "learned scholars" of this world questioned the reliability of "Luke's account" of this. A____ these are gone. God's W____ endures, and It shall forever! (1Pe.1:24-25)

3) "Sergius Paulus, a p_____ man". He was able to put his mind on a thing and grasp a good understanding of it.

We should thank G____ for the gift of such people who improve our lives. (Psa.24:1; Jam.1:17)

Not many of such are saved. "Not many" does not mean "not any". Sow the Gospel seed. S_____ shall be saved. Knowing the Lord is life. Seek Him! Glory in Him! (1Co.1:21-27; Ecc.11:4,6; Joh.17:3; 6:35; Jer.9:23-24)