

Acts 13 Study Guide

Verse 1

1) What can we find out about these men named in this verse?

Verses 2-3

2) What does it mean to minister to the Lord? (Please note that the word “ministered” in this verse is different than the word we studied in Acts 12:25.)

3) What work that Saul and Barnabas were called to is referred to in this instruction from God’s Spirit? What calling is this when the Holy Spirit calls someone to a specific work?

4) What is the importance of fasting and prayer combined?

Verses 4-5

5) What does it mean here that John was a minister to Paul and Barnabas?

Verses 6-12

6) What is meant by describing this man as a ‘prudent’ man?

7) We see here a Jew who tried to turn someone away from seeking the truth and was called a false prophet. What is a false prophet? Do we see false prophets still today?

8) Are there other examples like this where the power of God is used to show not only the goodness of God but the severity of God?

Verses 13-15

9) Consider John Mark’s action in this verse and how it affected Paul and Barnabas in light of Acts 15:36-40.

10) Why is it important that we use the Word of God in our winning souls to God?

Verses 16-21

11) Why did the people want a King? Why were they not satisfied with following a holy man of God, Samuel?

Verses 22-23

12) What other scriptures can you find of the prophecies of the Savior in the Old Testament?

Verses 24-26

13) Was there prophecy about John the Baptist?

Verses 27-29

- 14) What distinction does Paul make between the Jews he is speaking to here in Antioch in Pisidia and those in Jerusalem?
- 15) Look for prophecy of the condemnation of Jesus Christ to suffer and die for our sins.

Verses 30-37

- 16) What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead mean to His disciples?

Verses 38-39

- 17) Look for this phrase “Be it known” elsewhere in the Acts of the Apostles. Does it have a particular meaning or role when it is used?
- 18) Why was the law of Moses not able to justify mankind? How are those who believe and obey Jesus Christ and His gospel justified?

Verses 40-41

- 19) Look for the prophecy to which this passage refers. How does it apply to what Paul said here in the synagogue? Is there other prophecy of despisers and unbelievers?

Verses 42-43

- 20) These verses reflect a shift in what Paul and Barnabas were doing in Antioch in Pisidia. How does that shift fit in with what Paul and Barnabas were called to do?

Verses 44-49

- 21) Take a careful look at the envy that filled some of the Jews. What changed their minds to speak against the words Paul and Barnabas were teaching? What does it mean that they blasphemed?
- 22) What was the reason why the Gentiles freely received the truth about Jesus Christ being the Savior?

Verse 50

- 23) What kinds of actions were the Jews taking against Paul and Barnabas?

Verse 51-52

- 24) What does this ‘shaking off the dust of their feet’ represent? Why were the disciples filled with joy?
- 25) Before leaving this chapter, take a moment to map out Paul and Barnabas’ journey from its start in Acts 12:25.