

THE BOOK OF ACTS

READING PLAN

Week 12 Review



Week 12 took in 3 chapters: The remaining portion of Acts 12, all of Chapter 13, and the start of Chapter 14. Let's work our way through these readings.

Acts 12:19-25

1. Herod Agrippa had acted with cruelty for years. He had the Apostle James killed. What do you see as Herod's sin in these verses?
2. What is the contrast being drawn in verse 24 to Herod?

Acts 13

1. This chapter holds an historic moment in Church history. We have the first official mission trip authorized by the church leaders of Antioch. Barnabas and Saul were obvious choices, Why do you think they took a young John Mark along?
2. What may have been a reason John left to go home?
3. Interesting notes from Guzic on Sergius Paulus the pro-counsel. (A Roman **proconsul** was responsible for an entire province and answered the Roman Senate. "All Roman provinces were divided into two classes, those that required troops and those that did not. The latter were administered by the Senate and ruled by proconsuls; the former were under the administration of the emperor." (Williams) "Sir William Ramsay reports that inscriptions bearing Sergius Paulus' name have been found on Cyprus confirming that he was a Christian and that his entire family became Christians.") (Hughes)
4. Paul's message to the people in Pisidian Antioch (vs.16-41): How was the structure of Paul's message similar to how Peter structured his message in Acts 2:22-36?

5. There was a great response by many who heard the gospel. What was the reaction of many of the Jewish leaders to the good response?

Acts 14:1-20

1. Note: Verses 1-7 will be a reoccurring cycle in Paul's life: Enter a city, go to local synagogue, preach, mixed reaction. Does this still occur today as for as reactions to the gospel?
2. Verses 11-17: What was Paul and Barnabas' reaction to being called "gods"? Earlier, what was Herod's reaction?
3. How was the word of the Lord being fulfilled by the treatment of Paul (Acts 9:16)?