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Acts 13:1-3 – Saul And Barnabas Leave

- The book focuses now on the Gentiles and the spread of the Church
- Paul is going to replace Peter as a central figure in the book
- Saul is going to complete 3 missionary Journeys and then being imprisoned in Jerusalem and then transported to Rome
- Saul lived a life devoted to the gospel – Romans 15:19
- Saul and Barnabas got called into ministry in Antioch
- Saul and Barnabas were told by the Holy Spirit that they were to be set apart for **specific** work that they were called to – Acts 13:2
- The Holy Spirit directly spoke to them and called them into a specific ministry
- They had hands laid on them and prayed for them and then sent them out
- This was believers helping to equip the called
- Barnabas and Saul took John Mark with them, He was the **cousin** of Barnabas – Colossians 4:10
- John Mark's mom's house was a gathering place for believers in Jerusalem – Acts 12:12

Acts 13:4-12 – The Word Goes To Cyprus

- This was around 130 mile journey
- The Holy Spirit called them and was going to guide them as they went out
- John was there and they preached in the Synagogues – Acts 13:5
- They continued going through the **island** preaching the Gospel
- This is the work of an evangelist, preaching the good news in season and out of season – 2 Timothy 4:2
- They come to a sorcerer whose name was Bar-jesus – Acts 13:6
- This man is a Jew and a false prophet
- Another man named Sergius Paulus wanted to hear the good news but Bar-jesus tried to **stop** them
- Anytime that the Gospel goes out there will be opposition, Satan doesn't want truth to get shared so he will try and oppose any way he can

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- Paul steps forward and blinds Bar-jesus and calls him out for being a worker of Satan
- Bar-jesus was **blind** but just for a season – Acts 13:11
- Sergius Paulus believed because of what he had seen just done
- Sergius Paulus was left astonished at what he had just seen take place
- Archaeology found Inscriptions were found of Sergius Paulus on Cyprus

Acts 13:13 – 43 - The Word Goes To Antioch

- John Mark left and headed back to Jerusalem – Acts 13:13
- No one knows why this spilt happened
- It seems as if this was a disagreement
- V.14, In Antioch a Synagogue, Paul and Barnabas preached
- Shared the good news, the gospel
- To do this they related back to what **people** have done that have gone before us
- People of wisdom like Samuel, David, Abraham, John the Baptist, ect.....
- All of these men **pointed** to Jesus, This would have been something many people would have never thought of until then
- This was well received and these people wanted to hear this again-Acts 13:42

Acts 13:44 – 52 – Paul Turns To Gentiles

- A large crowd formed to see Saul and Barnabas speak and the Jews became **jealous** of this
- They saw the Gentiles out of jealousy started contradicting Paul
- Paul addresses this and says Jesus came for the Gentiles too
- Paul quotes from Isaiah in doing this – Isaiah 45:22, Isaiah 49:6
- The Gentiles begin rejoicing and trusting in God
- **Persecution** starts to happen by the Jews and soon drove out Paul and Barnabas – Acts 13:50
- The disciples didn't let this stop them picked themselves back up
- No matter how they are received or what happens, the Holy Spirit is at work