

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 26

Acts 13–14

People opposed the good news of a Savior in every city where it was preached by Paul and Barnabas. Have you experienced opposition when you talk about Jesus?

Observation: What does it say?

1. Read Acts 13–14 . Mark *Lord/God and Lord/Jesus and Holy Spirit*. Marking the pronouns can be difficult, but if you read carefully you will figure it out. Now read Ac 13 again and mark *promise*. Read Ac 14 again and mark the phrase *preach the gospel*.
2. On this missionary journey, the first stop for Paul and Barnabas was the island of Cyprus. (Ac 13:1–12) Who opposed them when they were preaching? How does Paul describe this enemy?
3. The second stop was Pisidian Antioch where they were asked to give a “word of exhortation” in the synagogue. List the major events that Paul mentions in Ac 13:17–31.
4. Who opposed Paul and Barnabas and instigated a persecution against them in Pisidian Antioch?
5. The third stop was Iconium (Ac 14:1–7). Who opposed Paul and Barnabas? What did they do?
6. What miracle did Paul perform at Lystra, the fourth stop on their journey? Why were the crowds offering sacrifices to them? Who opposed them and what did they do to Paul?
7. The fifth stop was Derbe. What did they do there?

8. Then Paul and Barnabas returned to these cities again. What did they do in these cities?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

9. In Ac 13:32–41, Paul tells the Jews that God has “fulfilled the promise to our children”. What promise is he talking about? Paul quotes the Psalms in Ac 13:33-35; what point is he trying to make?
10. Why did Barnabas and Paul tear their robes in Ac 14:11–18?
11. Paul and Barnabas told the believers, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God”. Why did they say that?

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

12. Do you know people who oppose the message of Jesus? What kinds of things do they say? Why do you think they oppose the message?
13. Are people around the world still experiencing tribulations in sharing the good news of Jesus? Give an example. Have you experienced “tribulations” as you talk to people about Jesus? Give an example.
14. Paul and Barnabas were continually “filled with joy and the Holy Spirit” when they were driven out of town. What is your response when people oppose your message about Jesus?