

First Missionary Journey Acts 13 (p.1,016)

Antioch- the first beachhead of Christianity in the pagan world. Named for the Seleucid emperor Antiochus the Great (along with 15 other cities).

Which Herod? Herod Agrippa I died in Chapter 12. This was Herod Antipas (Herod the Tetrarch)—the man who tried Jesus (Luke 23).

Luke reveals that the leadership in Antioch was **multicultural**.

Fasting, prayer and the Holy Spirit.

A. Cypress

13:4-12

Sergius Paulus the **proconsul**, chief Roman official who presided over court hearings.

Elymas the **sorcerer**.

As a Jew with Roman citizenship, Saul had both a Hebrew and a Roman name, Paul. He may have taken his Roman name from this early convert. Now that his focus is on reaching Gentiles, the name Paul is used routinely.

B. Pisidian Antioch

13:13-50

Capital of Galatia, was a little “Rome” with seven districts. On the highest hill was a temple with a statue of Caesar Augustus in the inner sanctuary.

1. **Proclamation**.

13:16-41

Jacob to Jesus in 8 verses:

Exodus

Wilderness

Conquest

Judges

Kings- ~~Saul~~ David (man after God’s own heart)

Jesus- It’s all about Jesus! Greater than David.

Execution

Resurrection

OT prophecies

Let it be known that through this man **forgiveness of sins** is being proclaimed.

Habakkuk 1:5-8

2. **Profession**.

13:42-43

All who had been appointed to eternal life **believed**.

3. **Protest**.

13:44-45, 49-50

Application: What is your missionary journey?

God’s **Word** Fuels Us

God’s **Loves** Connects Us

God’s **Mission** Focuses Us