

THE BOOK OF
ACTS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



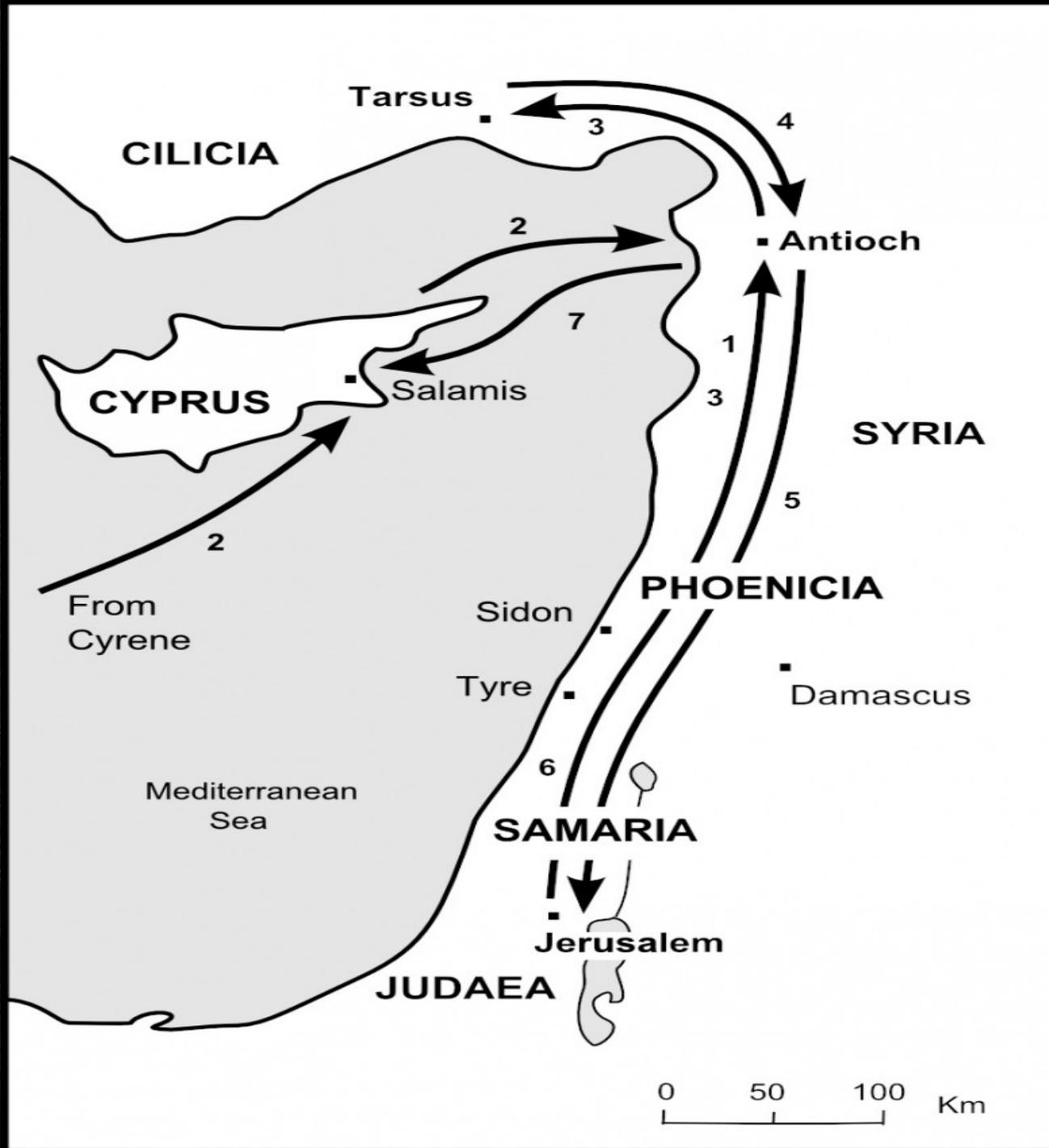
Acts 11:19 - 11:30; Acts 13: 1-3
Message + Mission + Multiply

Acts 11: 18 NIV

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Acts 11:19 NIV

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Question

Who were they
spreading the word
to?

Acts 11:19 NIV

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Question

Why do you think
that is?

Verse 19 it says they had been scattered because of the persecution of Stephen, which means this is occurring at the same time as the Cornelius incident happened so they most likely hadn't heard of it yet.

Acts 11: 20 NIV

Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

**Apostle Paul's
Second Missionary Journey
49 - 52 A.D.**



- ★ Location where Missionary Journey Begins
- > Travel to Jerusalem Conference Before Journey
- > Apostle Paul's Second Missionary Journey





Antioch was the third largest city in the world with a population of at least 600,000 people. A network of Roman roads crisscrossed Antioch so it was a crossroads where caravans of the East unloaded their wares.

History tells us it was a land of the educated elite in liberal studies and was basically known as an evil city. The people lived for their pleasures in Antioch.

History indicates that life revolved around the baths, brothels, the amphitheater and the circus. They worshipped a goddess by the name Daphne, and they built a garden that was so big it was 10 miles in circumference.

This garden was filled with prostitutes and when you went into the garden and participated in all kinds of immoral acts with the prostitutes it was considered worship in the city of Antioch.

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Acts 11: 21 NIV

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

Question

What can you do when
the hand of the Lord
is with you?

Acts 11: 22-23 NIV

News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

Question

What do you think
Barnabas saw?

Acts 11: 24 NIV

He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Question

Where does the Church get their power to reach the lost?

Acts 11: 25-26 NIV

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch.

So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people.



TATTA LACUS

COMMAGENE

Claudia
Archelais

Samosata
Edessa

Caesarea

Tyana

Hierapolis

Anazarbus

Niceph
Callinic

Tarsus

Antiochia

Galassos

Taurus

Side

Laodicea

Apamea

Anemurium

CILICIUM MARE

PHOENICIUM MARE

Emesa

Palmyra

CYPRUS

Salamis

Paphos

TROODOS MONS

Tripolis

Heliopolis

Berytus

Damascus

Sidon

Tyrus

LIBANUS MONS

Bostra

Acts 11: 25-26 NIV

*The disciples were called
Christians first at Antioch.*

Question

What does the title
of Christian mean?

Christian meant "of
the party of Christ",
and this was used as
a sarcastic mocking
term.

Please turn to
1 Peter 4: 14-16

1 Peter 4: 14-16 NIV

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4: 14-16 NIV

If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

Acts 11: 27-28 NIV

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

history indicates Claudius ruled from 41 to 54 and during the year 45 and 46 there were great famines in Israel. No crops came through; they all failed.

Terrible famines are recorded by historical writers Tacitus, Josephus, Eusebius and Cassius.

Acts II: 29-30 NIV

The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Question

What nationality
were the Christians
in Antioch?

Acts 11: 20 NIV

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Question

Who were the Gentile
Christians providing
food for?

Acts II: 29-30 NIV

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Acts 13:1 NIV

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The first 12 chapters
of The Book of Acts is
the ministry of Peter
and the formation of
the Jewish church.

Chapters 13 through 28
is the ministry of Paul
and the addition of the
Gentiles into the church
that reaches the world.

Question

Where is the Church
getting the power to
spread across the
world?

Acts 6: 3 NIV

Brothers and sisters,
choose seven men from
among you who are
known to be full of the
Spirit and wisdom. We
will turn this responsibility
over to them

Acts 13: 9 NIV

Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said,

Acts 11: 24 NIV

He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Please turn to
1 Corinthians 12: 7-13

1 Corinthians 12 : 7-13 NIV

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12 : 7-13 NIV

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits,

1 Corinthians 12 : 7-13 NIV

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, [a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12 : 7-13 NIV

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

The Holy Spirit

- Builds the Church body
- Nourishes the Church
- Perfects the saints
- Instructs
- Loves
- Prays
- Gives

Churches have
organized committees,
made plans, found
people to put in the
work and sweat to
make the Church come
alive and then nothing
happens at all.

Then at a later time at
that same Church all
of a sudden the Spirit
of God begins to move
and it is then when
things begin to
happen.

The Spirit of God is the engine
that makes a church move!



Please turn to
Galatians 3: 3

Galatians 3: 3 NIV

Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

Please turn to
2 Peter 1: 20-21

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Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

2 Peter 1: 20-21

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is the Holy Spirit's Word to us! The church that doesn't teach from the Bible will not be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Our commitment must be to get into the Word!

Acts 13:1 NIV

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Niger, Lucius of Cyrene,

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PANNONIA

Salona

DALMATIA

MOESIA

Black Sea

Rome

Forum of Appius

ITALY

Putcoli

Sea of Adria

MACEDONIA

THRACE

Philippi

Thessalonica

BITHYNIA

Adramyttium

EPIRUS

ASIA

Ephesus

Corinth

Athens

ACHAIA

Cnidus

LYCIA

Myra

GALATIA

Iconium

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

SICILY

Syracuse

Rhegium

RHODES

Antioch (Syria)

SYRIA

Phoenix

CRETE

Fair Havens & Lasea

CYPRUS

Sidon

MALTA

Paul's ship is lost in a storm.

CAUDA

Mediterranean Sea

Cyrene

CYRENE

Caesarea

PALESTINE

Jerusalem

NABATEA

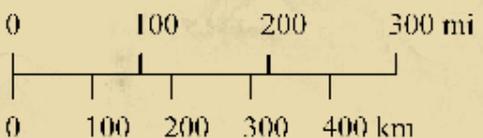
AFRICA

Syrtis Major

Alexandria

EGYPT

SAHARA DESERT



Niger means black.

Simeon, called black, and

Lucius of Cyrene. It is

possible that Simeon was

also from Cyrene in

Africa which would explain

why he was referred to

as a black man.

Please turn to

Mark 15: 21

Mark 15: 21 NIV

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Acts 13:1 NIV

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

Acts 13: 2 NIV

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Question

What were these men
in the early Church
doing?

Acts 13: 2 NIV

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13: 3 NIV

So after they had **fasted** and **prayed**, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Question

What else were these men in the early Church doing?

Question

Do you want to get
in touch with the
Power of the Holy
Spirit?

1. Read

2. Worship

3. Fast

4. Pray

Question

Do we see Churches
today who are led by
the flesh and not
the Spirit?

Question

If they are not
Spirit led then why
are they becoming
so popular and
growing so large?



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of JACKSON

Different People, Different Beliefs, One Faith





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Please turn to
2 Timothy 4: 3

2 Timothy 4: 3 NIV

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Next Week

Please Read

Acts 12:1-25