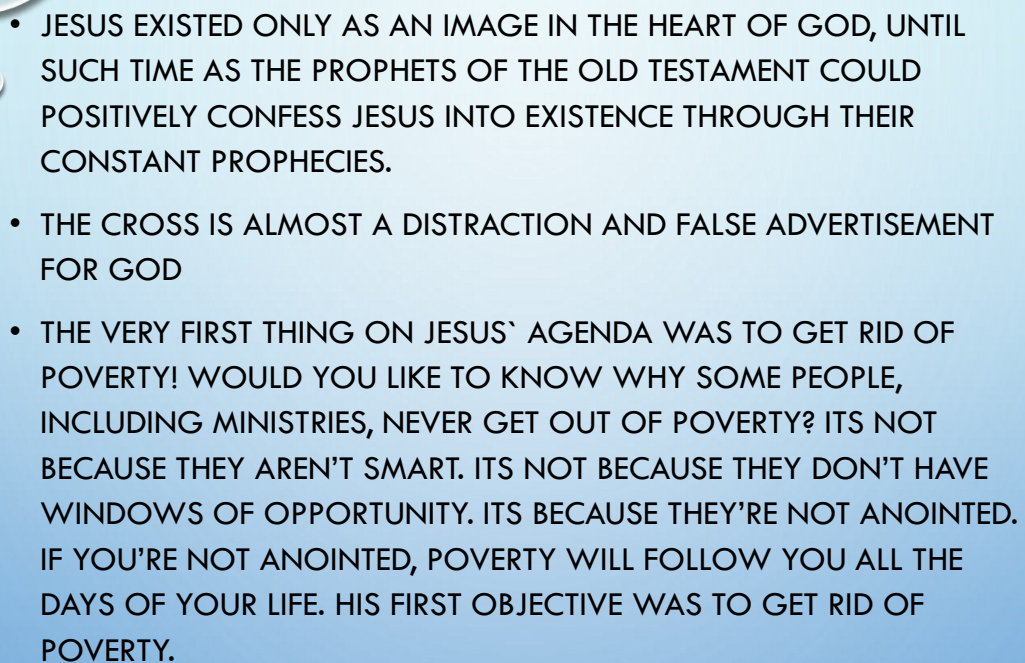


LIVING WITH PURPOSE

FALSE PROPHETS

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- JESUS EXISTED ONLY AS AN IMAGE IN THE HEART OF GOD, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT COULD POSITIVELY CONFESS JESUS INTO EXISTENCE THROUGH THEIR CONSTANT PROPHECIES.
 - THE CROSS IS ALMOST A DISTRACTION AND FALSE ADVERTISEMENT FOR GOD
 - THE VERY FIRST THING ON JESUS' AGENDA WAS TO GET RID OF POVERTY! WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHY SOME PEOPLE, INCLUDING MINISTRIES, NEVER GET OUT OF POVERTY? ITS NOT BECAUSE THEY AREN'T SMART. ITS NOT BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY. ITS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ANOINTED. IF YOU'RE NOT ANOINTED, POVERTY WILL FOLLOW YOU ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. HIS FIRST OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET RID OF POVERTY.

FALSE PROPHETS

- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 7:15** "WATCH OUT FOR FALSE PROPHETS. THEY COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE FEROCIOUS WOLVES. ¹⁶ BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM. DO PEOPLE PICK GRAPES FROM THORNBUSHES, OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? ¹⁷ LIKEWISE EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT, BUT A BAD TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT.
- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 24:11** AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS WILL ARISE AND LEAD MANY ASTRAY.
- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 24:24** FOR FALSE CHRISTS AND FALSE PROPHETS WILL APPEAR AND PERFORM GREAT SIGNS AND MIRACLES TO DECEIVE EVEN THE ELECT-- IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE.

PAUL AND BARNABAS ON THE ROAD

- IN ANTIOCH
 - ^{NIV} **ACTS 11:25** THEN BARNABAS WENT TO TARSUS TO LOOK FOR SAUL, ²⁶ 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. THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST AT ANTIOCH.
- ANTIOCH TO JERUSALEM (11:27-30)
- JERUSALEM TO ANTIOCH (12:25)



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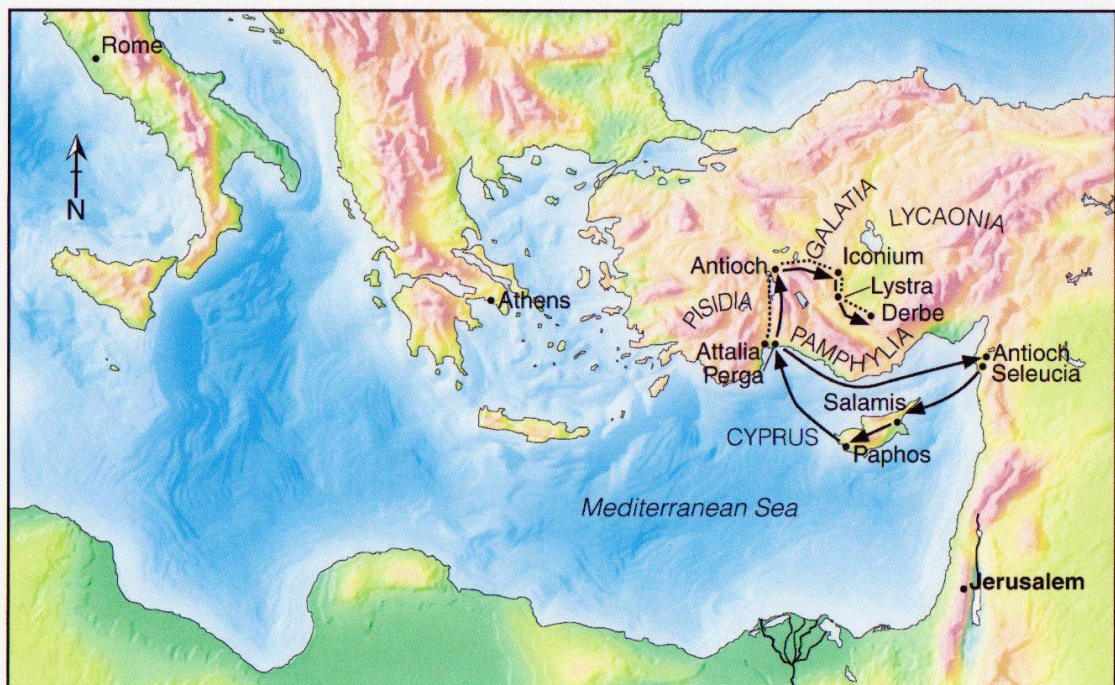
- ^{NIV} **ACTS 13:1** IN THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH THERE WERE PROPHETS AND TEACHERS: BARNABAS, SIMEON CALLED NIGER, LUCIUS OF CYRENE, MANAEN (WHO HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP WITH HEROD THE TETRARCH) AND SAUL. ² WHILE THEY WERE WORSHIPING THE LORD AND FASTING, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, "SET APART FOR ME BARNABAS AND SAUL FOR THE WORK TO WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM." ³ SO AFTER THEY HAD FASTED AND PRAYED, THEY PLACED THEIR HANDS ON THEM AND SENT THEM OFF.

FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY: PART 1

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 13:4** THE TWO OF THEM, SENT ON THEIR WAY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WENT DOWN TO SELEUCIA AND SAILED FROM THERE TO CYPRUS. ⁵ WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT SALAMIS, THEY PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF GOD IN THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUES. JOHN WAS WITH THEM AS THEIR HELPER. ⁶ THEY TRAVELED THROUGH THE WHOLE ISLAND UNTIL THEY CAME TO PAPHOS ...

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13:1–14:28







ENCOUNTERING THE FALSE PROPHET

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 13:6** THEY TRAVELED THROUGH THE WHOLE ISLAND UNTIL THEY CAME TO PAPHOS. THERE THEY MET A JEWISH SORCERER AND FALSE PROPHET NAMED BAR-JESUS,⁷ WHO WAS AN ATTENDANT OF THE PROCONSUL, SERGIUS PAULUS. THE PROCONSUL, AN INTELLIGENT MAN, SENT FOR BARNABAS AND SAUL BECAUSE HE WANTED TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.⁸ BUT ELYMAS THE SORCERER (FOR THAT IS WHAT HIS NAME MEANS) OPPOSED THEM AND TRIED TO TURN THE PROCONSUL FROM THE FAITH.

DEFEATING THE FALSE PROPHET

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 13:9** THEN SAUL, WHO WAS ALSO CALLED PAUL, FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, LOOKED STRAIGHT AT ELYMAS AND SAID, ¹⁰ "YOU ARE A CHILD OF THE DEVIL AND AN ENEMY OF EVERYTHING THAT IS RIGHT! YOU ARE FULL OF ALL KINDS OF DECEIT AND TRICKERY. WILL YOU NEVER STOP PERVERTING THE RIGHT WAYS OF THE LORD? ¹¹ NOW THE HAND OF THE LORD IS AGAINST YOU. YOU ARE GOING TO BE BLIND, AND FOR A TIME YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO SEE THE LIGHT OF THE SUN." IMMEDIATELY MIST AND DARKNESS CAME OVER HIM, AND HE GROPED ABOUT, SEEKING SOMEONE TO LEAD HIM BY THE HAND.

VICTORY

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 13:12** THEN THE PROCONSUL BELIEVED WHEN HE SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BEING AMAZED AT THE TEACHING OF THE LORD.

SUMMARY

- THEIR MINISTRY WAS TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD AND TO CALL PEOPLE TO TRUST AND OBEY IT
- THEIR COMMISSION SHOWED THEY PRACTICED WHAT THEY PREACHED (TRUST AND OBEY)
- THIS WORD PREACHED AND WORD LIVED DEFEATED THE FALSE PROPHET
- THIS WORD PREACHED AND WORD LIVED MOVED THE PROCONSUL TO TRUST AND OBEY

CONCLUSIONS

FALSE PROPHETS

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POWER OF THE WORD

- ^{ESV} **ACTS 13:12** THEN THE PROCONSUL BELIEVED, WHEN HE SAW WHAT HAD OCCURRED, FOR HE WAS ASTONISHED AT THE TEACHING OF THE LORD.
- ^{NIV} **1 PETER 1:24** FOR, "ALL MEN ARE LIKE GRASS, AND ALL THEIR GLORY IS LIKE THE FLOWERS OF THE FIELD; THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWERS FALL, ²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD STANDS FOREVER." AND THIS IS THE WORD THAT WAS PREACHED TO YOU.

- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 4:12** FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD, IT PENETRATES EVEN TO DIVIDING SOUL AND SPIRIT, JOINTS AND MARROW; IT JUDGES THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF THE HEART.
- ^{NIV} **2 TIMOTHY 3:16** ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁷ SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.
- ^{NIV} **PROVERBS 9:10** "THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.

TRUST AND OBEY

- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 11:6** AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.
- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 2:13** FOR IT IS NOT THOSE WHO HEAR THE LAW WHO ARE RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT, BUT IT IS THOSE WHO OBEY THE LAW WHO WILL BE DECLARED RIGHTEOUS.
- ^{ESV} **JAMES 1:22** BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES.