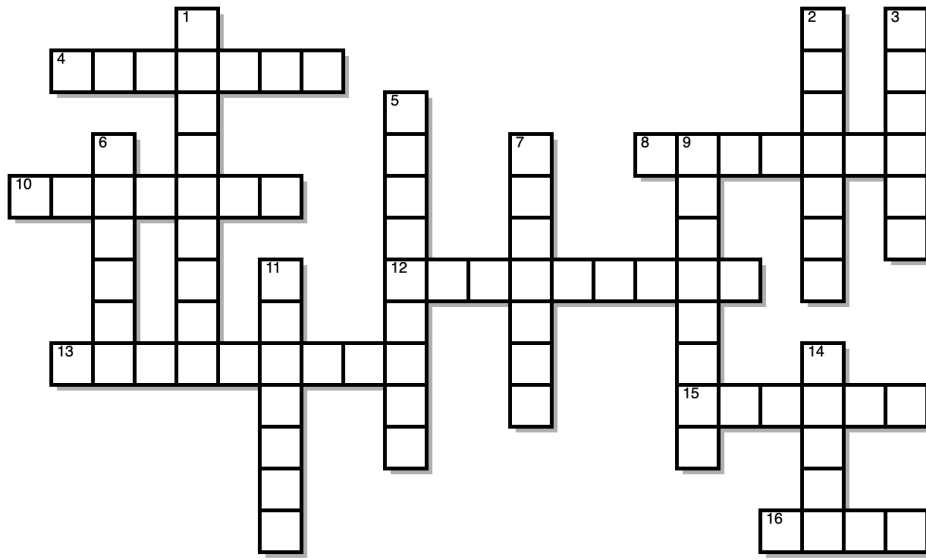


THE GOSPEL AT ICONIUM

ACTS 14:1-28



Across

- 4 After preaching the word in Perga, Paul & Barnabas went down to _____ (14:25).
- 8 The city in which our passage today begins.
- 10 When the people of Lystra began to worship Paul & Barnabas, Paul & Barnabas tore their _____ (14:14).
- 12 "We must go through many _____ to enter the kingdom of God," Paul & Barnabas said to the new disciples (14:22).
- 13 As usual, Paul and Barnabas begin their ministry in the Jewish _____ (14:1).
- 15 Paul & Barnabas appointed _____ for the new believers in every newly-established church (14:23).
- 16 The people of Lystra mistook Barnabas for this Greek god.

Down

- 1 After going through Pisidia, Paul & Barnabas came into _____ (14:24).
- 2 At the end of their first missionary journey, Paul & Barnabas return to this Syrian city (14:26).
- 3 The people of Lystra mistook Paul for this Greek god.
- 5 Paul & Barnabas tell the people to turn from " _____ " things and to turn to the living God (14:15).
- 6 In what manner were Paul and Barnabas speaking (14:3)?
- 7 Signs and _____ accompanied and validated the message of Paul and Barnabas (14:3).
- 9 In Lystra, Paul healed a _____ man (14:8).
- 11 The plot of some of the Gentiles and Jews against Paul and Barnabas involved mistreating them and _____ them (14:5).
- 14 Lystra & _____ were two cities that Paul & Barnabas fled to following the plot against them (14:6).

1. In your youthful idealism, for what social, political or religious causes were you willing to "go to the mat," if need be? Did you ever have to?

2. What was it like for you to take your first "1000-miles-from-home" trip?

3. How does Paul and Barnabas' experience in Iconium differ from their experience in Antioch? How is it similar?

4. What is the purpose of signs and wonders here (see also 6:8)? Why are the people divided (v.4)?

5. What was religious life like in Lystra?

6. Compare 14:8-13 with 3:1-11. How are the two stories alike and different? What results from each healing?

7. What does Paul emphasize about God in his speech? How is his speech to this crowd (vv.15-17) different from his previous sermon in the synagogue (see 13:17-41)? Why the difference?

8. Since Antioch was 100 miles away, what does that tell you about the nature of Paul's opposition?

9. From verses 19-20, how would you characterize Paul? His supporters? How do you suppose they now feel about John Mark's desertion at Perga (13:14)?

10. How would you feel if you were one of these new believers (vv.21-25) after you had heard about the treatment Paul and Barnabas had received?

11. From what they have seen in Paul and Barnabas, what would these new elders realize about their job?

12. Reviewing this journey of about 1100 miles (13:1-14:26), what do you learn about Paul? About the Gospel?

13. Seeing Paul and Barnabas' courage, faith, and endurance, how are you challenged to serve the Lord more completely?

14. What does the difference between Paul's sermon (13:17-41) and his speech in verses 15-17 teach you about sharing your faith with various groups of people?

15. The people Paul and Barnabas encountered along the way interpreted the gospel through their own lenses, even calling them Hermes and Zeus. How do people you know interpret the gospel by their own prejudices and beliefs?

16. What was one of the biggest misunderstandings about Christianity you had to overcome before you could believe?

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Paul	Jumping	Kindness
Barnabas	Priest	Rain
Jews	Temple	Crops
Gentiles	Bulls	Food
Stirred	Wreaths	Hearts
Poisoned	Sacrifices	Joy
Division	Heaven	Prayer
Plot	Earth	Fasting
Mistreat	Sea	Trust
Lystra	Nations	Preach
Healing	Testimony	Report