

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Sermon Scriptures

**Acts 13:14-16** **14** But going on from Perga, they **arrived at Pisidian Antioch**, and on the Sabbath day **they went into the synagogue** and sat down. **15** After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” **16** Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, ¶ **“Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:**

**Acts 13:32** “And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,

**Acts 13:33** that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in **that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.’**

**Acts 13:38-50** **38** “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that **through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,**

**39** and through Him **everyone who believes** is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through **the Law of Moses.**

**40** “Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon *you*:

**41** ‘**BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH; FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.’”**

**42** ¶ As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath.

**Acts 13:43** Now when *the meeting of* the synagogue had broken up, **many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas**, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.

**44** ¶ The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.

**45** **But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began** contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

**46** Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary **that the word of God be spoken to you first**; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, **we are turning to the Gentiles.**

**47** “For so **the Lord has commanded us**, ‘**I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.**’”

**48** ¶ **When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord**; and as many as **had been appointed** to eternal life believed.

**49** And the word of the Lord was **being spread through the whole region.**

**50** But **the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men** of the city, and **instigated a persecution** against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

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**Acts 14:1-7** **1** ¶ **In Iconium they entered the synagogue** of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that **a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.** **2** But **the Jews who disbelieved** stirred up the **minds of the Gentiles** and embittered them against the brethren. **3** Therefore they spent a long time *there* speaking boldly **with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.** **4** But the people of the city were divided; and **some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.** **5** And when an attempt was made by **both the Gentiles and the Jews** with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them, **6** they became aware of it and fled to **the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe**, and the surrounding region; **7** and **there they continued to preach the gospel.**

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**Acts 14:8-23** **8** ¶ **At Lystra** a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. **9** This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that **he had faith to be made well,** **10** said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he leaped up and *began* to walk. **11** When **the crowds saw what Paul had done**, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, “**The gods have become like men and have come down to us.**” **12** And they *began* calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. **13** The **priest of Zeus**, whose *temple* was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and **wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.** **14** But when the apostles **Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15** and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and **preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN**

**THEM.** 16 “In the generations gone by **He permitted all the nations** to go their own ways;

17 and yet He **did not leave Himself without witness**, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

18 *Even* saying these things, **with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.**

19 ¶ But **Jews came from Antioch and Iconium**, and having won over the crowds, **they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.**

20 But while the disciples stood around him, **he got up** and entered the city. **The next day** he went away with Barnabas **to Derbe.**

21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and **had made many disciples**, they **returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,**

22 **strengthening** the souls of the disciples, **encouraging them** to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “**Through many tribulations** we must enter the kingdom of God.”

23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, **they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.**

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1 Tim. 4:1 ¶ But the **Spirit explicitly** says that in **later times** some will fall away from the faith, paying attention **to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,**

2 Tim. 4:1-3 1 ¶ I solemnly charge *you* in the **presence of God and of Christ Jesus**, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

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Acts 1:8 but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be **My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **even to the remotest part of the earth.”**