

THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 14:19-28 | LESSON SUMMARY

Not Dead Yet

ACTS 14:19, "But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead." (ESV)

- Antioch & Iconium
 - Tensions have reached a boiling point
- It wasn't enough to make him leave their region, they pursued him
 - They persuaded the same crowds that had formerly thought Paul and Barnabas the incarnation of Zeus and Hermes
 - We are not told where Barnabas is, but Paul is stoned alone
 - Thought to be dead
 - Stoned within city walls
 - Dragged outside the city
 - Paul recalls this event much later in his letter to the church at Corinth
- **2 CORINTHIANS 11:25**, "Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea..."



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ACTS 14:20, "But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe." (ESV)

- The next day they began a 30-mile journey
- This would have likely taken Paul and Barnabas approximately three days, especially considering Paul's condition
- Paul and Barnabas are successful in Derbe
 - "When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch..." (Acts 14:21, ESV)

ACTS 14:22, "...and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." (ESV)

- The message isn't comfort because the call is comfortable
 - Remember what God told Ananias about Paul?
 - After God tells him that Paul is a "chosen instrument" He proceeds to say that "For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." (Acts 9:16, ESV)
- "Tribulation" = θλίψις
 - Same word Jesus uses in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



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ACTS 14:26, "...and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled." (ESV)

Pisidia → Pamphylia → Perga → Attalia → Syrian Antioch

- A bit of a homecoming!
- Able to tell the church back at Syrian Antioch all they went through

ACTS 14:28, "And they stayed there a long time with the disciples." (NIV)

- The "long time" is telling
 - Paul and Barnabas are in no hurry to leave
 - This concludes the first of Paul and Barnabas' ministry journeys

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Konstantinos Tsakos: Samos; the Archeological Museums Zondervan, Acts: Archeological Study Bible, John B. Miller, Convinced That God Had Called Us, C. Hemer, The Book of Acts in the Setting of Hellenistic History

