

Attention turns to Antioch and beyond as the first missionary journey (13:1–14:28) and the Jerusalem Council (15:1–35) are the key elements of this unit. The move to go to the end of the earth has started in earnest. Cyprus and Galatia receive visits. Saul becomes Paul and emerges as the key figure of the expansion for Luke. . . . For the first time in Luke’s account, a church other than the one in Jerusalem is the center for a major divine initiative.

Darrell Bock, *Acts*

13 ¹Now there were in the church at **Antioch**

⁴So, **being sent out by the Holy Spirit**, [Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark] went down to **Seleucia**, and from there they sailed to **Cyprus**. ⁵When they arrived at **Salamis**, ⁶When they had gone through the whole island as far as **Paphos**,

¹³Now Paul and his companions set sail from **Paphos** and came to **Perga** in **Pamphylia**. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴but they went on from **Perga** and came to **Antioch** in **Pisidia** ⁴⁹And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. . . . ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to **Iconium**

14 ⁶[They] fled to **Lystra** and **Derbe**, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷and there they continued to preach the gospel.

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¹⁹But 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. ²⁰But 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**. ²¹When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to **Lystra** and to **Iconium** and to **Antioch**

²⁴Then they passed through **Pisidia** and came to **Pamphylia**. ²⁵And when they had spoken the word in **Perga**, they went down to **Attalia**, ²⁶and from there they sailed to **Antioch**, **where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled.**

“And to the ends of the earth”

The First Missionary Journey

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