

THE FIRST JOURNEY BEGUN

Acts 13:1-13

Key Verse: 13:2

1. Read verses 1-3. Who were the leaders in the Antioch Church? What direction did the Lord give them while they were worshiping him and fasting? What does this teach us about God's love for all the world?
2. How did the church respond to the Lord's direction? How was this missionary journey different from the way the Gospel had spread until then?
3. Read verses 4-5. Consult a map. Where did Barnabas and Saul go? What was Barnabas' connection there (Ac 4:36)? Who went along as their helper? Where did they begin preaching the gospel?
4. Read verses 6-7. Where did they meet Bar-Jesus or Elymas? What was his profession? Who was Sergius Paulus? Why did he send for Barnabas and Saul?
5. Read verses 8-12. How did Elymas hinder their work? How did Saul deal with him? What happened to him? What do these events teach us about the great spiritual conflict between God and the devil?
6. Note the change in Saul's name; the change in leadership; the departure of John Mark (13). What do each of these changes tell us about Paul and Barnabas? How might the things that happened in Cyprus affected John Mark?