

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 13

What we will see in this chapter:

- People Paul met in Cyprus
- Paul's preaching and message at Antioch
- The reaction of Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles) at Antioch

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes. The map in section 4 shows you where Paul went.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. What did the church at Antioch do guided by the Holy Spirit?	They were guided to send Barnabas and Saul out preaching.
4 to 12	2. Who did Paul and Barnabas meet in Paphos and how did they respond?	They met a Jewish sorcerer who was with Sergius Paulus, the proconsul. Sergius Paulus wanted to listen to Paul, but Elymas the sorcerer opposed them and was made blind for a while.
13 to 16	3. What did they do in Antioch in Pisidia?	They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and were invited to speak to the people.
17 to 21	4. What were the key events Paul mentioned in his summary of Jewish history leading to king David?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God chose the people of Israel ➤ He delivered them from slavery in Egypt and put up with them for 40 years in the wilderness ➤ He gave them victory in battle so they could have their land ➤ They then had judges until Samuel ➤ After Samuel, they wanted a king, so God gave them Saul.
22 & 23	5. Why was king David special?	God replaced Saul with David. Unlike Saul, David was a man after God's heart who would do his will. God promised to bring salvation through a descendant of David.
24 & 25	6. What was John's role?	John came before Jesus and preached a baptism of repentance.

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26 to 29	7. What had the Jewish leaders done as a result of ignoring the prophets?	They had asked Pilate to kill the descendant of David through whom they could be saved.
30 to 33 <i>Text note: v 33: Paul is quoting Psalm 2 v 7.</i>	8. What was the good news Paul was bringing them?	The good news was that Jesus' resurrection fulfilled the promises made to their fathers.
34 to 37 <i>Text note: Paul quotes from Isaiah 55 v 3 and Psalm 16 v 10.</i>	9. What prophecies did Paul say were fulfilled when Christ rose from the dead?	Prophecies fulfilled were "I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David." and "You will not allow your Holy One to see decay."
38 to 41 <i>Text note v 41: Paul quotes from Habakkuk 1 v 5.</i>	10. What did Paul say were the consequences of Christ's resurrection for everyone? <i>Text note: justified means made right with God.</i>	Everyone could have forgiveness of sins. All who believed in Jesus could be justified, which the law of Moses could not do.
42 to 44	11. How did people react to Paul's message?	They asked him to preach the next Sabbath and the majority of the city came to hear more.
45 to 47 <i>Text note v 47: Paul and Barnabas quote from Isaiah 49 v 6.</i>	12. What did the Jews do and how did Paul and Barnabas react?	The Jews were jealous and contradicted Paul. Paul and Barnabas said they would preach to the Gentiles (non-Jews) as the Jews judged themselves unworthy of eternal life.
48 to 50	13. How did the Gentiles (non-Jews) and Jews react?	Many Gentiles believed and the message spread through the entire region. But the Jews had Paul and Barnabas thrown out of their area.
51 to 52	14. What did Paul and Barnabas do?	Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust of their feet against them and went to Iconium.

3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Paul's speech in Acts 13.

Verse(s)	Suggested note(s)
v 22 and 23	One of David's descendants would bring salvation.
v 24	John taught a baptism of repentance to Israel.

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v 27 to 29	The Jews fulfilled what the prophets had predicted by having Jesus killed.
v 30 and 31	God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus appeared to witnesses.
v 32 and 33	Jesus' resurrection was the Good News promised to the fathers.
v 34	The blessings of David involve the resurrection.
v 35 to 37	David died and saw decay – not like Jesus whom God raised from the dead.
v 38 and 39	Forgiveness of all sins comes through belief in Jesus.

4 Map of Paul's first Journey

