

Faithful Witness in a Hostile World

Acts 14:1-18

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Review of Acts

What was Paul like?

Iconium is modern day Konya.

What did Paul and Barnabas do in this persecution?

They stayed a long time, and spoke boldly.

What happened? After the Signs and wonders?

Why stoning? What did that penalty imply?

How do they respond to this next threat on their lives?

They leave.

Does the gospel prosper by my staying or going?

What was Lystra like?

Who are Zeus and Hermes?

If the gods ever return, treat them well.

“Faith is regularly emphasized as a condition of receiving both physical and spiritual healing.” FF Bruce (See Mark 5:34)

Luke is bringing us back to Acts 3.

The miracle confirmed the message; it was not the main attraction.

If miracles were in the mix today wouldn't it be better?

Miracles, signs and wonders, are like scaffolding.

How did the signs impact those in Iconium?

How did the signs impact those in Lystra?

Paul preaches to pagans beginning from natural revelation. (Romans 2:12-16; Jeremiah 5:24; Psalm 145:16; Leviticus 26:4)

What is the point of contact with the world around us today?

When facing persecution should we fight or flee?