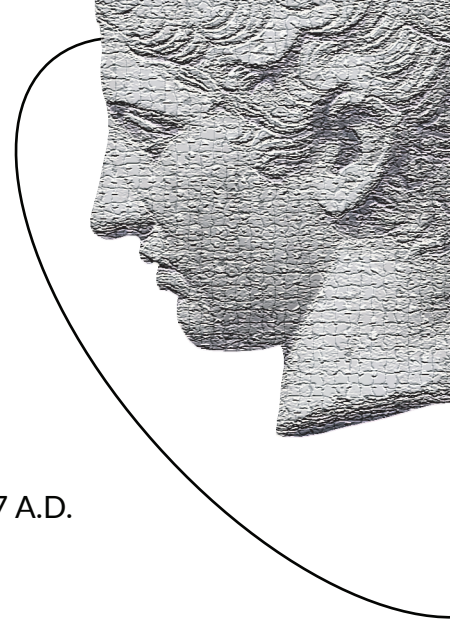


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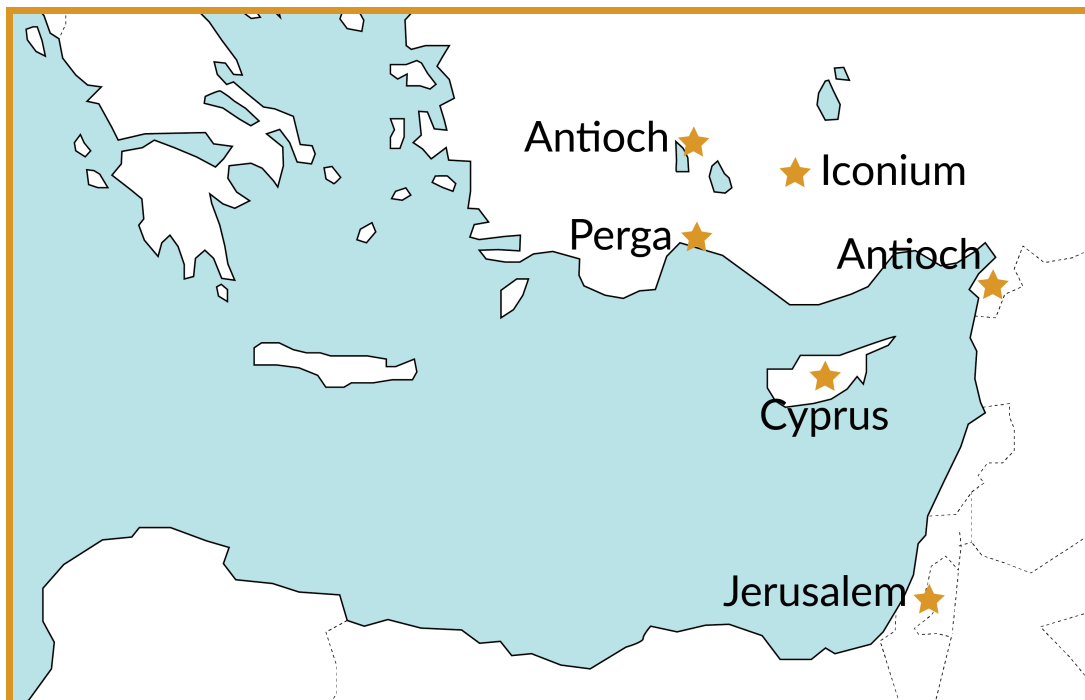
- Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey occurred between the years 45-47 A.D.

characters.

- Paul (Saul) – An Apostle who travelled the Mediterranean planting churches
- Barnabas – Paul's good friend and fellow worker, a Levite from Cyprus.
- John Mark – A disciple from Jerusalem who travelled with Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus.
- Sergius Paulus – A Roman proconsul in Cyprus who became a disciple.
- Bar-Jesus (Elymas) – A magician in Cyprus who opposed the gospel message.
- The Jews of Antioch in Pisidia – Some responded positively and some negatively to the idea that Jesus of Nazareth was the prophesied Messiah.

where.

- Antioch in Syria – Paul and Barnabas' home where they worked with the Church.
- Cyprus – An island in the Mediterranean Sea and the homeland of Barnabas (4:36).
- Perga in Pamphylia – Barnabas and Paul sailed here after leaving Cyprus. This was where John Mark left them to return to Jerusalem.
- Antioch in Pisidia – Paul preached to the Jews of Antioch with mixed success.
- Iconium – Paul and Barnabas travelled to Iconium after being run out of Antioch.



outline.

- GOD CALLS BARNABAS AND PAUL ON A CHURCH PLANTING JOURNEY (13:1-3):
 - + While in Antioch, the Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Paul for a specific work.
 - + They were to set out from Antioch and preach the gospel in other cities.
 - + John Mark accompanied them as they set out for the port city of Seleucia (13:5).
- PREACHING IN CYPRUS (13:4-12):
 - + The trio set sail for Cyprus, and upon arriving, taught about Jesus in the Jewish synagogue.
 - + After teaching throughout the island, they met a proconsul named Sergius Paulus.
 - + They taught him about Jesus but were bothered by a magician named Bar-Jesus (Elymas) who wanted to keep the proconsul from believing the gospel.
 - + The Holy Spirit through Paul struck Elymas with blindness and the proconsul became a believer.
- THE WORK IN ANTIOCH OF PISIDIA (13:13-52):
 - + Paul and Barnabas travelled to Antioch in Pisidia. John Mark returned to Jerusalem.
 - + On the Sabbath day, Paul spoke in the synagogue about the history of Israel.
 - + He spoke to the Jews about David and God's promise to bring a savior through his children.
 - + He told them how John the Baptist prepared the Jews for the arrival of the Messiah.
 - + Finally, he told them about Jesus, who fulfilled the scriptures regarding the Messiah when he was killed by the Jews and rose from the dead.
 - + Paul referenced several prophecies related to David that were fulfilled in Jesus including Isaiah 55:3 (13:34) and Psalm 16:10 (13:35).
 - + Paul told the Jews to believe in Jesus to be free from their sins.
 - + Some of the Jews heard Paul's words gladly and asked him to return the next Sabbath.
 - + But others rejected Paul and Barnabas' teaching and contradicted what they taught.
 - + Paul told them he would turn his attention to the Gentiles if they chose to reject the gospel.
 - + Verse 49 tells us the word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region.
 - + But the Jews stirred up trouble and ran Barnabas and Paul out of town.
 - + They left the city and went to Iconium.

application.

- The good news of Jesus has always been a divisive message.
- Jesus informed His disciples ahead of time that His work on earth would bring a sword of division between people who were once united (Matthew 10:34-36).
- Paul taught the exact same message to the Jews but received a mixed response.
- If we are going to be disciples, we need to accept that our message will be controversial.
- Some people love the light of truth but others love the darkness (John 3:19).

