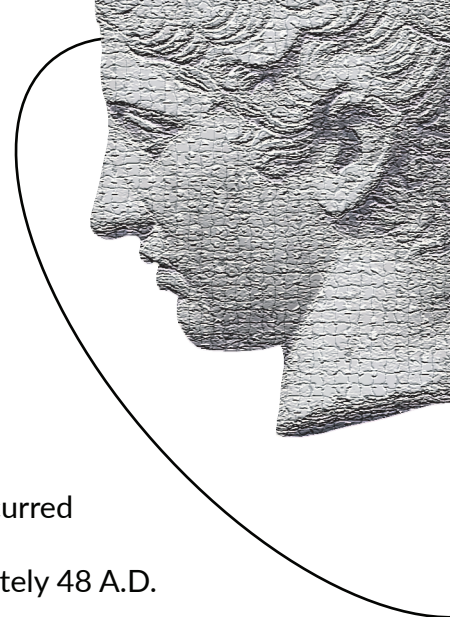




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when.

- This second part of Barnabas and Paul's church planning journey probably occurred between 46-47 A.D.
- The two preachers returned to Antioch of Syria and remained until approximately 48 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.
- **Crippled Man** – He was healed by Paul in Lystra.
- **Evil Jews** – A group of Jews who travelled from town to town stirring up opposition to Barnabas and Paul's teaching.

where.

- **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.
- **Lystra** – Southwest of Iconium, where Paul was stoned for teaching Jesus.
- **Derbe** – East of Lystra, the two preachers taught here before deciding to turn around and retrace their steps.
- **Antioch in Syria** – Paul and Barnabas' home where they worked with the Church.



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outline.

- PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS IN ICONIUM (14:1-7):
 - + After being kicked out of Antioch in Pisidia, Paul and Barnabas went to Iconium.
 - + They preached to Jews and Gentiles, and many believed.
 - + But other Jews worked to thwart the gospel's success and "poisoned the minds" of the population against Paul and Barnabas.
 - + After learning that the Jews and Gentiles were plotting to stone them, Barnabas and Paul decided to leave Iconium and travel to Lystra.
- PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS IN LYSTRA (14:8-18):
 - + While teaching in Lystra, the two preachers met a crippled man.
 - + Paul healed him and he stood up and started walking.
 - + The citizens who observed the miracle assumed Paul and Barnabas were gods.
 - + "Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes."
 - + Priests from the temple of Zeus brought oxen to sacrifice in their honor.
 - + When Barnabas and Paul heard about this, they tore their clothing and tried to get the people to stop.
 - + They told them they were regular men, not gods, and they wanted to share a message about the living God who made the heavens, earth, and sea.
 - + Even after further clarification, they had a hard time restraining the people from offering sacrifices to them.
- THE EVIL JEWS FOLLOW PAUL TO LYSTRA (14:19-21):
 - + Paul and Barnabas' enemies from Antioch and Iconium followed them to Lystra.
 - + They persuaded the people to turn against the preachers and their message.
 - + They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city.
 - + After a short time, Paul recovered and went back into the city with the believers.
- TEACHING IN DERBE AND THE JOURNEY HOME (14:21-28):
 - + Barnabas and Paul taught in Derbe before doubling back to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch to strength the new believers.
 - + With prayer and fasting they appointed elders in each church.
 - + They passed through Pisidia, Pamphylia, taught in Perga, and finally boarded a ship in Attalia.
 - + From Attalia they sailed to Antioch in Syria, the city where their journey began.
 - + They gathered the church and told them all about their trip and all that God had done through them in spreading the gospel to the Gentile world.
 - + They remained in Antioch "no little time."

application.

- Barnabas and Paul left us a great example of perseverance.
- Their Jewish enemies were a nuisance, but they didn't allow them to steal the joy they found in sins being forgiven and souls being saved.
- Don't let a little resistance keep you from serving the Lord and finding joy in the work you believe is important.
- Focus on the positive results rather than the haters.

