

FMZBC



In the footsteps of Paul

4th Destination: Lystra

You have now fled 10 miles to the Lycaonian city, Lystra to continue their ministry. While preaching in Lystra, Paul encountered a cripple man who he healed in front of the crowds. Astonished by this, the people declared that Paul and Barnabas were Gods. The two men strongly protested this and wanted the people to know that they were just human beings spreading the good news of Jesus.

In the meantime some of the Jews who had been following them from the previous cities arrived. They poisoned the minds of the people and turned them against Paul and Barnabas. The people stoned them and dragged them out of the city. Thankfully, the apostles survived.

Acts 14:8-20

In Lystra and Derbe

⁸In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.



Lystra, Turkey

The site of Lystra was a bustling city in the ancient world. This important city awaits someone to excavate it. It is now covered with thistles, grass and spotted with fragments of ancient buildings and occasional pieces of pottery.

Next Destination: Derbe

The next day they departed Lystra to continue 40 miles to Derbe. Walk in Paul's footsteps 40 miles then click on your final destination to receive your next packet.