

“Journeys With Paul”
Lesson Three: On the Brink in Lycaonia

Read Acts 14

Understanding the Text

1. What happens between the departure from Pisidian Antioch and the arrival in the Lycaonian city of Lystra?
2. Where is Lystra and what do we know about this city?
3. To this point, Luke has recorded specifics about three locations where Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel: Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch and Iconium. In all three of these locations, Paul and Barnabas have had a common approach to preaching. What is different about their approach in Lystra?
4. Describe the man Paul and Barnabas meet in Lystra.
5. Explain what you think Luke means when he says Paul “saw that he had faith to be healed” (N.I.V. translation).
6. Describe the reaction of the people of Lystra to Paul’s miracle. Why do you think they react this way?
7. What do we know about Zeus and Hermes?
8. Describe the reaction of Paul and Barnabas to the people of Lystra? Why do you think they react this way?

9. How far did the Jews from Antioch and Iconium travel to get to Lystra?
What can we conclude by the fact that they traveled so far?
10. What does Luke record happening in Lystra after Paul is stoned and what is significant about these events?

Applying the Text

- What was Paul's approach to evangelism in Lystra?
- To what extent are Paul and Barnabas successful at spreading the gospel in this place?
- Is there other information from other passages in Acts or the Epistles that help us understand these events?
- What can we learn about students of the gospel? What's the perspective of the people receiving Paul's message?
- What can we learn about teachers of the gospel? What's the perspective of Paul and his fellow teachers?