

New Mount Moriah AMEC

Bible- Study, 21 April 2026

Acts: 14:1-7 (NKJV)

Introduction: When we last met, we discussed the devout proselytes' desire for a greater understanding of the Apostle Paul's teaching on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We also discussed the impact envy (*a sinful attitude of resentment, jealousy, or discontent toward someone because of what they have, who they are, or what God has done for them*) can have on a church. Tonight, we will discuss how we should respond to those who reject the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lesson Outline:

Vs. 1	I Believe
Vs. 2	Same Word, Different Outcome
Vs. 3-4	Signs and Wonders
Vs. 5-7	Go Preach My Gospel

Lesson Review:

Vs. 1 **I Believe:** **Iconium** was a cultural melting pot of native Phrygians, Greeks, Jews, and Roman colonists. To **Believed** (*pisteuō*) trusted, received, surrendered. It is to place your trust in Jesus Christ! To accept the good news of His death, burial, and resurrection from the dead as true. And to **COMMIT YOURSELF** to Him and to rely on Him for salvation (It is finished).

Supporting Scripture: Mark 6:7

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Life Application: How do we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior?

- Non-believing Gentiles worshipped the traditionally Phrygian mother goddess Cybele (goddess of fertility and nature, mountains and wild animals, motherhood and protection).

Vs. 2 **Same Word, Different Outcome:** The **Unbelieving** (*apeitheō*) resist, reject, oppose. To **poison** someone's mind is to injure or corrupt, damage their thinking, turn them against someone else, and cause hostility or bitterness.

Supporting Scripture: Isaiah 53:1

Matthew 10:14

Life Application: Knowing the impact of someone's mind being **poisoned** by others, how should we approach new members or converts?

Vs. 3-4 **Signs and Wonders:** Please note, Paul and Barnabus are not the source of the signs and wonders being performed; Jesus is the source through the person of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures read, "who bearing witness."

Life Application: If Jesus is the source of healings and miracles, by the hands of His servants, why do we put our faith in His servant and not Him? The purpose of miracles is to turn nonbelievers into believers and to confirm God's servants and Word. John 20:31 reads, "**But these (miracles) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**"

Supporting Scripture: Acts 4:29-30

Hebrews 2:4

- An Apostle is someone who was an eyewitness to the resurrected Jesus and sent by Him. Barnabas was a messenger of Jesus but not an Apostle. He was not an eyewitness to the resurrected Jesus.
- After reading **Luke 12:52-53**, what is your opinion of verse four?

Vs. 5-7 **Go Preach My Gospel:** "**To abuse and stone them.**" *The MacArthur Study Bible States*, "This proves that their Jewish opponents were the instigators, since stoning was a Jewish form of execution, usually for blasphemy."

Supporting Scripture: John 15:20

John 16:1-4

Life Application: Vs. Seven reads, "And they were preaching the gospel there." Like Paul and Barnabas, we must not allow opposition to stop us from preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. After being rejected in one city, Paul and Barnabas moved to the next city.