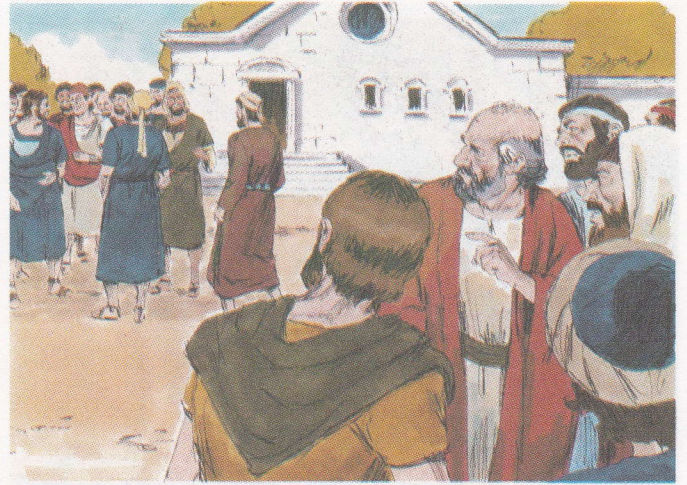


Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe



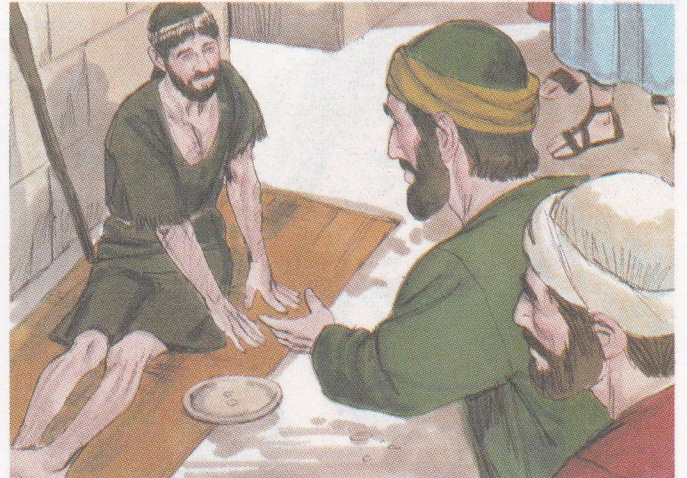
1 On their first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas preached on the island of Cyprus and then in Antioch of Pisidia. The Jews of Antioch became jealous and ran them out of town.



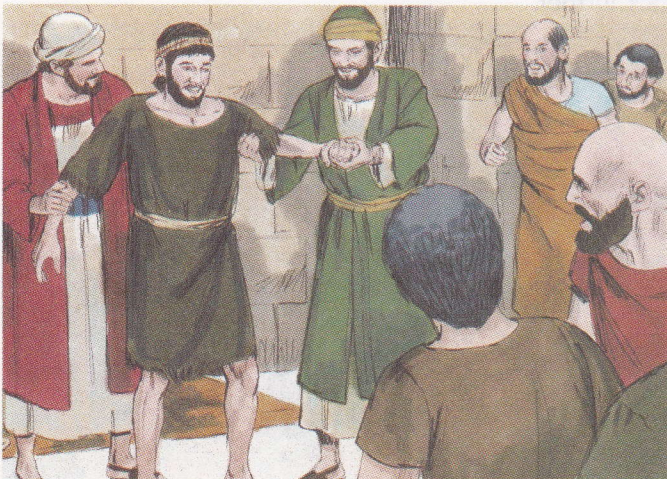
2 From Antioch, they went to Iconium. As usual they spoke in the Jewish synagogue, and a large number of Jews and Gentiles became believers. But other Jews stirred up the people against them.



3 Certain people were so angry they planned to stone Paul and Barnabas. But the missionaries learned of the plan, so they went on to Lystra and Derbe. There they continued to preach the good news.



4 At Lystra they met a man who had been a cripple ever since he was born. As the man sat and listened, Paul could tell that he had the faith to be healed. "Stand up on your feet!" Paul said to him.



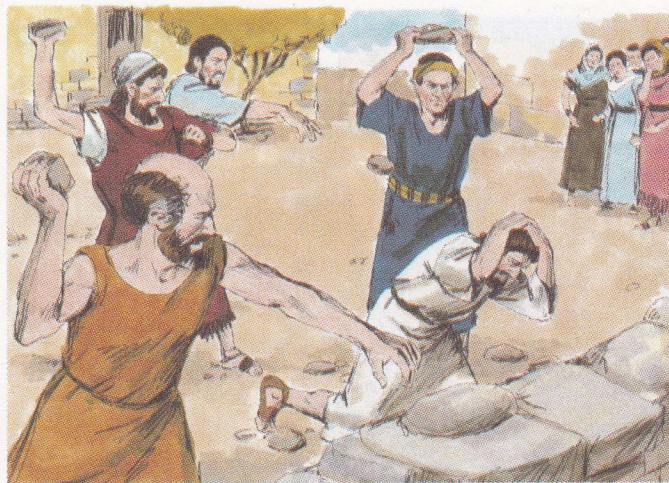
5 The man jumped up and walked around! When the people saw this, they shouted: "The gods have become men and come down to us!" They wanted to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas.



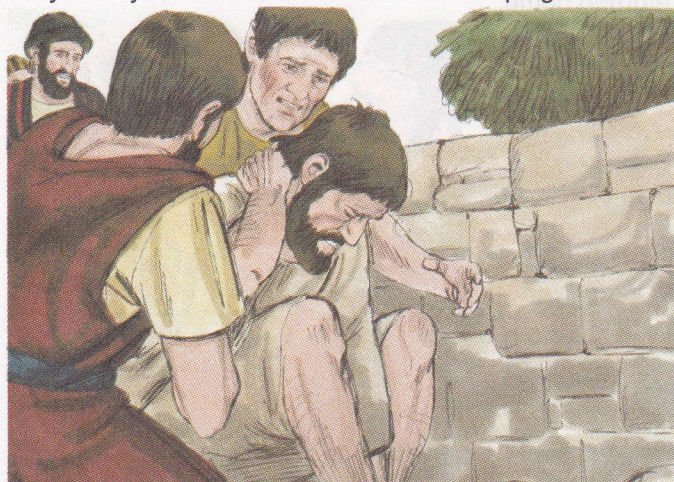
6 The priest of Zeus brought bulls and flowers so the people could make sacrifices. But Barnabas and Paul cried out, "Why are you doing this? We are only human beings like you!"



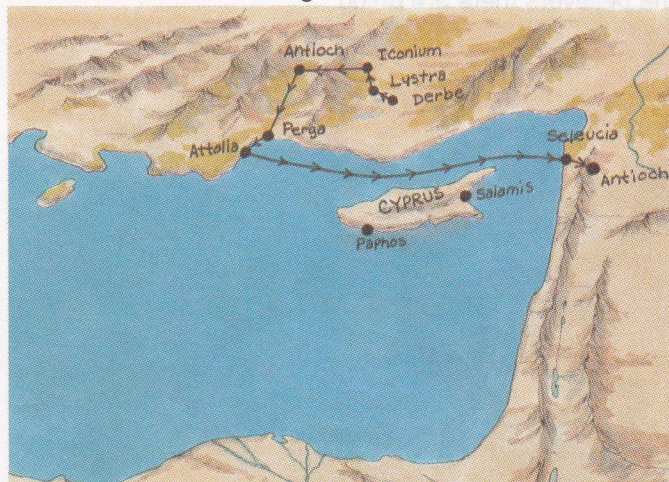
7 “We have come here to bring you good news. We want you to turn from the worthless things you call gods to the living God, who made heaven and earth.” They barely talked the crowd out of worshipping them.



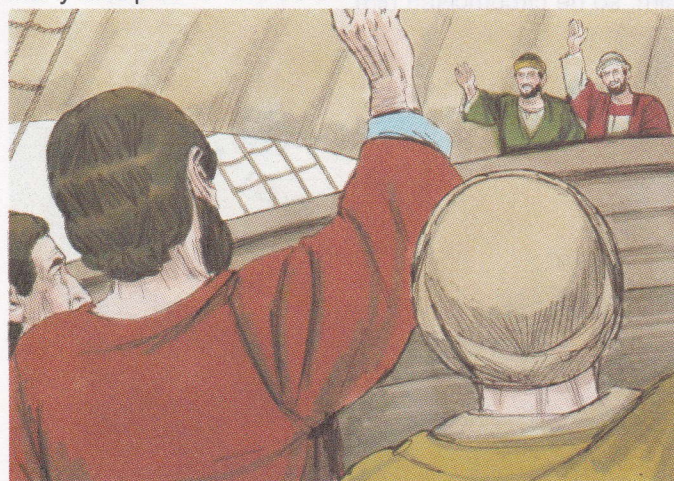
8 But then some Jews came from Antioch of Pisidia and Iconium. They convinced many in the crowd to stone Paul. After the stoning, they dragged him out of town and left him, thinking he was dead.



9 But when the believers gathered around him, Paul got up and went with them back into the town. The next day he and Barnabas went to Derbe. They made many disciples for the Lord there.



10 Then they went back through the towns where they had preached earlier. They urged the believers to be faithful. “We must pass through many troubles to enter the Kingdom of God,” they warned.



11 Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders to guide the new churches. After preaching in Perga, they went to Attalia and boarded a ship for home.



12 When they arrived in Antioch, they called the church together. They reported how God had made it possible for the Gentiles to believe. Thus ended the first of Paul's missionary journeys.