

## Assignments on Acts 14

Read Acts 14 then answer these questions:

1. Where did they preach, and what happened as a result – 14:1? (Think: Explain the connections between preaching and faith.)

2. How did some Jews react – 14:2?

3. Tell what purpose was accomplished by miracles – 14:3. (Think: Explain what this means and why there was a need for such proof.)

4. List and explain other **passages** that state the purpose of miracles. (Think: How does this differ from modern “miracles”?)

5. Define “grace,” and tell what is meant by the expression “word of His grace” — i.e., what is the connection between grace and the word? (Think: What does this tell us about grace? Does grace mean God will save everybody who believes in Him, even if they don’t obey Him?)

6. What condition resulted among the people – 14:4?

7. **Case Study:** Some people blame preachers any time division follows from their preaching. What can we learn from examples like this one in Acts 14?

8. Why did the preachers leave Iconium and where did they go – 14:5,6 (see **map**)?

9. What did they do in these cities – 14:7? (Think: How did the preachers attract people to Jesus and His church? Did they use carnal attractions such as recreation, entertainment, parties, banquets, and carnivals? Explain your answer.)

10. What problem did a man in Lystra have, and how long had he had it – 14:8? (Think: Whom else have we discussed with a similar problem?)

11. Describe how the man was healed – 14:9,10. (Think: Again, how does this differ from modern “miracles”?)

12. What did the people of Lystra claim when they saw the miracle – 14:11? (Think: What does this tell you about their religion?)

13. What names did they give the preachers? Explain the significance – 14:12.

14. How did a heathen priest become involved – 14:13?

15. What did Paul and Barnabas explain about themselves to the people – 14:15,16? (Think: Why does v14 call Barnabas and Paul “apostles”? Mormons say God intended for the original apostles to be continually replaced with successors. How would you respond?)

16. What did Paul and Barnabas teach the people about the nature of God – 14:17? (Think: What can we learn about the danger of over exalting preachers?)

17. **Case Study:** Some religious leaders encourage people to bow as religious homage to them. What other examples have we studied in which people tried to give such honor to men? Why would Paul and Barnabas have been wrong to allow this worship?

18 What “witness” (evidence) did God give about Himself? Where else does the Bible refer to such evidence? (Think: Why did God give this witness and what does this teach us?)

19 **Special Assignment:** Explain how this sermon differs from sermons preached to Jews, and explain why it was different.

20. Who came to town and what problems did they cause – 14:19?

21. What happened to Paul as a result – 14:20? (Think: What does this teach us about the fickleness of people?)

22. Where did Paul and Barnabas go after leaving Lystra (see **map**) and what did they do there – 14:20,21?

23. Where did they go after that and for what purpose – 14:21,22?

24. What lessons can we learn from v22 regarding preaching and spiritual growth?

25. **Application:** What lessons can we learn from v22 regarding tribulations? List other similar **passages**.

26. What did Paul and Barnabas do in – 14:23, and what lessons can we learn?

27. **Special Assignment:** List at least 2 **passages** elsewhere about elders in the church and explain the work of elders.

28. Where else did Paul and Barnabas go – 14:24,25 (see **map**)?

29. To what city did they finally return and why – 14:26?

30. What did they do at Antioch – 14:27,28?

31. What is meant by opening a door of faith? (Think: How does God open doors and what is the significance of this idea?)