

## ACTS 14; October 15; Paul Stoned To Death At Lystra

### ANALYSIS:

1. Who led the opposition against Paul & Barnabas's preaching at Iconium & Lystra? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the Lord supernaturally give testimony supporting the truth Paul preached? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What particular miracle did God do through Paul at Lystra, and how did the city respond? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the Jews from Antioch & Iconium persuade the people of Lystra to do? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Paul and Barnabas do at each of the new churches?  
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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Although the first century Christians were witnesses of apostolic miracles, they were forewarned that they “must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom God” (v 22). The sufferings of the Captain of our salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ, are frequently referred to in the New Testament (Lu 24:26; Acts 17:3; Heb 2:18; 5:8; 9:26; 13:12; I Pet 1:11; 2:21, 23; 3:18; 4:1; 5:1). Peter wrote that in our sufferings we become “partakers of Christ's sufferings” (I Pet 4:13). Paul himself suffered much for his Lord (II Cor 11:25), as he had been told at his conversion (Acts 9:16). As the early believers were taught, we also need to “arm yourselves likewise with the same mind ... beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you ... but rejoice ... that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy” (I Pet 4:1, 12-13).

Do you and I think enough about heaven and the glory of Christ Who is the light there? Or are we preoccupied with our spouse, our children, our job, our free time, our possessions, our ... and the Lord Christ is but an afterthought? Lord, help us! “For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Cor 4:17-18).

### HELP:

1. Unbelieving Jews (v 2), Gentiles (v 5), Jews with their rulers (v 5), Jews from Antioch and Iconium (v 19).
2. He granted Paul and Barnabas the power to work signs and wonders (v 3).
3. A man impotent in his feet was healed. The people and their priest of Jupiter thought to do sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas (vs 8-13).
4. They stoned Paul to death (v 19).
5. They ordained elders in every church with prayer and fasting (v 23).