

## ACTS - Church On Mission

### Part 37- God's Redemptive Narrative

#### Intro:

1. What Did Paul Say?
2. What Was The Point?
3. Why Does This Matter Today?
4. Responses Then & Now

**Acts 13:13-52** "Now Paul & his companions set sail from Paphos & came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them & returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga & came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue & sat down. After the reading from the Law & the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, & motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel & you who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers & made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, & w/ uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he put up w/ them in the wilderness. And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them Judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king, & God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified & said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.' "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, & those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem & their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree & laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, & for many days he appeared to those who had come up w/ him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you." And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, "I will give you the holy & sure blessings of David." Therefore he says also in another psalm, "You will not let your Holy One see corruption." For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep & was laid w/ his fathers & saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, & by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: "Look, you scoffers, be astounded & perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you." As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews & devout converts to Judaism followed Paul & Barnabas, who, as they spoke w/ them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled w/ jealousy & began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul & Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside & judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing & glorifying the word of the Lord, & as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing & the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul & Barnabas, & drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them & went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled w/ joy & w/ the Holy Spirit."

#### 1. What Did Paul Say?

- They'd just read the Bible- Paul picks this up & gives them a run-through of massive moments in the Bible
- **VS. 17a- The God of This People Israel**
- **VS. 17b- The God of "Let My People Go"**
- **VS. 18-19- The God In The Wilderness**
- **VS. 20a- The God Who's Word Comes True**
- **VS. 20b- The God Who Appointed Judges-Prophet Samuel**
- **VS. 21a- THEN They Asked For A King**
- **VS. 21b-22- The Kings They Were Given**
- First God shows them 2 different kinds of leadership

#### 2. What Was The Point? Jesus Is The Point!

- **VS. 23- Jesus, The Fulfillment Of God's Promises Revealed**
- Jesus is THE Savior He (God) promised!
- When God told Adam a Son would come crush the enemy's head
- When God provided an Ark for Noah to be saved from the storm
- When God told Abraham He would bless all nations through Him
- When God provided a lamb as a sacrifice so Isaac could be saved
- When God put Abraham to sleep & passed through by Himself...
- When God stopped the tyrant & delivered them from slavery...
- When God had the Israelites kill the innocent lamb...
- When God split the red sea into & caused them to walk across...
- When God rained down manna from Heaven in the wilderness...
- When God had the Israelites strike the rock in the wilderness...
- When God instituted a Sabbath it was so they would know rest...
- When God had the Priests lay their guilt on a goat & chase out...
- When God enabled David take on Goliath...
- When God kept Shadrach, Meshach & Abednigo from burning...
- When God kept the mouths of the lions from eating Daniel...
- When God wiped out Pharaoh's armies (& so many others...)
- When God took the burning coals & atoned for Isaiah's guilt...
- When God did all of this & more...God was telling a story through
- **Genesis 1:1- "In the Beginning God!"**
- **Romans 16:25-26- Mystery has kept secret for long ages...**
- **1 Corinthians 2:7-8- But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."**
- **Ephesians 3:9- The God of creation had this plan all along...**
- **Colossians 1:26-29- Mystery is revealed- hidden for ages but now made known- "Christ in you, the hope of glory!"**
- **VS. 24-25- Not Just Another "Great Prophet"**
- **John 1:19-30- I'm not "the" Prophet, I'm not the "Christ"- BEHOLD The lamb of God!**
- **VS. 26-29- Not Another Blip On The Screen**
- God's Kingship was rejected again- just like in 1 Samuel 8
- Like Isaiah 53 said, "no guilt found in Him", the innocent, spotless PASSOVER LAMB slain (1 Corinthians 5:7)
- **VS. 30-37- Greater King Than David**
- **VS. 38-40- Greater Liberator Than Moses**
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#### 3. Why Does This Matter Today?

- **John 5:37-40- "And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, & you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; & it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."**

#### 4. Responses Then & Now:

- **People Wanted To Hear More: (VS. 42-44)**
- **The Religious Were Jealous (VS. 45)**
- **Colossians 1:28-29- "Him we proclaim, warning everyone & teaching everyone w/ all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling w/ all his energy that he powerfully works w/in me."**
- **The Gentiles Are Filled W/ Joy (VS. 46-49)**
- **The Disciples Carried On W/ Joy & The Holy Spirit**

