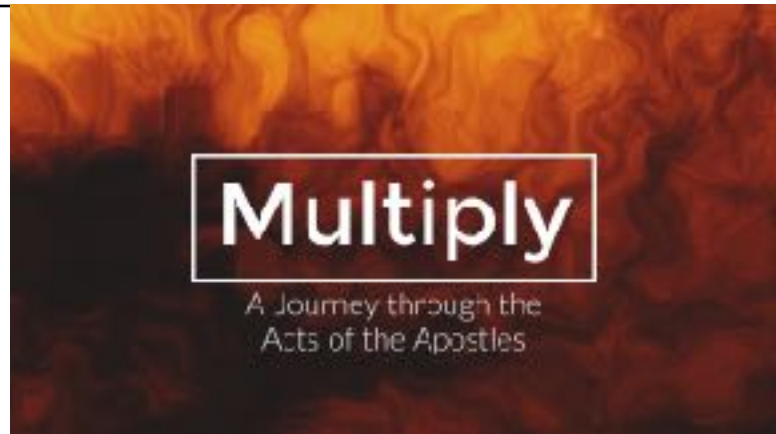


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Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about...

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because...

What is the good news?

The good news is...

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to...

What is the context of this sermon?

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What are other key takeaways?

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Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.



Opening Story

[Text here]

Transition

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The Antioch church - “Christians” - Chapter 11

²⁰Among them were some people from Cyprus and Cyrene. They entered Antioch and began to proclaim the good news about the Lord Jesus also to Gentiles.

²¹The Lord’s power was with them, and **a large number came to believe and turned to the Lord.**

²²When the church in Jerusalem heard about this, **they sent Barnabas to Antioch.** ²³**When he arrived and saw evidence of God’s grace, he was overjoyed and encouraged everyone to remain fully committed to the Lord.** ²⁴Barnabas responded in this way because he was a good man, whom the Holy Spirit had endowed with exceptional faith. A considerable number of people were added to the Lord.

²⁵**Barnabas went to Tarsus in search of Saul.** ²⁶**When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. They were there for a whole year, meeting with the church and teaching large numbers of people. It was in Antioch where the disciples were first labeled “Christians.”**

Application - What does it mean to be know as Christians?

The Antioch Church - Send Support - Chapter 11

²⁷About that time, some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them, Agabus, stood up and, inspired by the Spirit, predicted that a severe famine would overtake the entire Roman world. (This occurred during Claudius’ rule.) ²⁹**The disciples decided they would send support to the brothers and sisters in Judea, with everyone contributing to this ministry according to each person’s abundance.** ³⁰**They sent Barnabas and Saul to take this gift to the elders.**

Application - How do we send support?

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Herod imprisons Peter - Chapter 12

Peter is Imprisoned

¹About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, John’s brother, killed with a sword. ³When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he arrested Peter as well. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. ⁴**He put Peter in prison, handing him over to four squads of**

soldiers, sixteen in all, who guarded him. He planned to charge him publicly after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was held in prison, the church offered earnest prayer to God for him.

Angel and Peter - Chains Fall Off

⁶The night before Herod was going to bring Peter's case forward, Peter was asleep between two soldiers and bound with two chains, with soldiers guarding the prison entrance. ⁷**Suddenly an angel from the Lord appeared and a light shone in the prison cell. After nudging Peter on his side to awaken him, the angel raised him up and said, "Quick! Get up!" The chains fell from his wrists.**

Angel and Peter - Out of Prison

⁸The angel continued, "Get dressed. Put on your sandals." Peter did as he was told. **The angel said, "Put on your coat and follow me."** ⁹**Following the angel, Peter left the prison. However, he didn't realize the angel had actually done all this. He thought he was seeing a vision.** ¹⁰They passed the first and second guards and **came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself.** After leaving the prison, they proceeded the length of one street, when abruptly the angel was gone.

Application - Being Set free from Things that Bind Us

Peter at Mary's House - Chapter 12

Peter Goes to Mary's House

¹¹**At that, Peter came to his senses and remarked, "Now I'm certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod and from everything the Jewish people expected."** ¹²**Realizing this, he made his way to Mary's house.** (Mary was John's mother; he was also known as Mark.) Many believers had gathered there and were praying.

Rhoda Hears Peter at the Gate

¹³**When Peter knocked at the outer gate, a female servant named Rhoda went to answer.** ¹⁴**She was so overcome with joy when she recognized Peter's voice that she didn't open the gate. Instead, she ran back in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.**

Peter Comes In

¹⁵**"You've lost your mind!" they responded. She stuck by her story with such determination that they began to say, "It must be his guardian angel."** ¹⁶**Meanwhile, Peter remained outside, knocking at the gate. They finally opened the gate and saw him there, and they were astounded.**

Application - Do we ever miss opportunities right in front of us?

Barnabas and Saul Return - Chapter 12

²⁴God's word continued to grow and increase. ²⁵Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch from Jerusalem after completing their mission, bringing with them John, who was also known as Mark.

Barnabas and Saul sent to minister - Chapter 13

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Paul's First Missionary Journey - Acts 13 and 14

The author of Acts arranges Paul's travels into three separate journeys. The first journey, led initially by Barnabas, took Paul from Antioch to Cyprus then into southern Asia Minor (Anatolia), and finally returning to Antioch.

Cyprus and Elymas the Magician

In Cyprus, Paul rebukes and blinds Elymas the magician [Acts 13:8-12] who was criticizing their teachings. From this point on, Paul is described as the leader of the group.

Perga, Pamphylia, and Pisidian Antioch

They sail to Perga in Pamphylia. John Mark leaves them and returns to Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas go on to Pisidian Antioch. On Sabbath they go to the synagogue. The leaders invite them to speak. Paul reviews Israelite history from life in Egypt to King David. He introduces Jesus as a descendant of David brought to Israel by God. He said that his team came to town to bring the message of salvation. He recounts the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. He quotes from the Septuagint to assert that Jesus was the promised Christos who brought them forgiveness for their sins. Both the Jews and the "God-fearing" Gentiles invited them to talk more next Sabbath. At that time almost the whole city gathered. This upset some influential Jews who spoke against

them. Paul used the occasion to announce a change in his mission which from then on would be to the Gentiles.[Acts 13:13-48]

Interval at Antioch

Antioch served as a major Christian center for Paul's evangelism, and he remained there for "a long time with the disciples" at the conclusion of his first journey. The exact duration of Paul's stay in Antioch is unknown, with estimates ranging from nine months to as long as eight years."¹

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Jesus, I am sorry for all the times in my life when I mess up.

And if anything comes to mind, ask God's forgiveness.

Forgive me of my sin and all that I know is wrong.

Thank you that you died on the cross and rose for me.

I trust you with my life.

Help me receive your forgiveness.

Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to follow you.

In your holy name, Amen.

¹ Wikipedia contributors, "Paul the Apostle," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Paul_the_Apostle&oldid=781291754 (accessed May 21, 2017).