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THE APOSTLE PAUL—LESSON 2

Lesson #1 dealt with Saul of Tarsus, persecutor of the church, his conversion, and his new identity as Paul the Apostle. This lesson covers his travels, his valiant efforts amid adversity and persecution, to unerringly serve God by preaching the gospel Christ throughout the vast reaches of the Roman Empire. We will examine the “Missionary Journeys” which are extended “evangelistic” sojourns and travels. We think Paul had been preaching for about 10 years in Syria and Cilicia when he and Barnabas were separated for this work. The evangelistic journeys altogether took place AD 46-61.

Paul's First Evangelistic Journey (A.D. 46-48)

1. **The First Evangelistic Tour** It began at (Acts 13-14) _____. There are two Antiochs. This Antioch is in _____. It is located about 300 miles north of Jerusalem.
2. **The Church At Antioch** Was founded by Hellenistic Christian believers like Stephen (Acts 11:19-26). (Acts 11:22ff) _____ became its main leader. (V25-26) _____ was his associate.
3. **Ones Sent...Out** The church chose (Acts 13:2) Barnabas and Saul to _____. John [_____] (V5) went with them. Was he related to either Barnabas or Paul? _____

The Route They Traveled (Acts 13-14)

Antioch (*Antakya* of modern *Turkey*)---(11 mi)---the seaport of **Seleucia**---(137 mi)..by ship to *Cyprus*---landing at **Salamis** and traveling the length of the island---(80 mi)---to **Paphos**---from whence they sailed (160 mi) to **Perga**, on *Turkey's* southern shore---entering the highlands, they came into the province of *Galatia* where they concentrated their efforts in the southern cities (129 mi) of **Antioch** (of *Pisidia*)---(70 mi)---**Iconium**---(18 mi)---**Lystra**---(44 mi)---**Derbe**---from whence they backtracked to Antioch (132 mi)---and went down to Perga and then (25 mi) into **Attalia**---thence sailed (302 mi) to **Antioch**, from whence they started. **Mileages are approximately “as the crow flies.” Obviously they traveled much farther.**

4. **Duration Of First Tour** The first evangelistic journey lasted about _____ years, from 46-48 AD.
5. **Many Were Converted In Each Place** (13:44, 52; 14:1-4, 20-28). Luke records that on this trip (14:23) “*they had ordained them _____ in _____ church.*”
6. **John Mark – Marcus** What relation was he (Col 4:10) to Barnabas? _____ Barnabas (Acts 4:36) was from _____. We know (11:20) there were already _____ there *before* the first evangelistic tour. Jewish (13:5) _____ existed at Salamis.
7. **At Paphos (a Cyprian city)** The Roman proconsul was _____ (13:6-12), the sorcerer (V6, 8) _____. What happened (V6) to Barjesus and the proconsul? _____
8. **A Name Change** After Paphos, Saul (13:13) is called _____. “*Now when Paul and _____ company loosed from Paphos, they came to _____ in Pamphylia: and _____ departing from them returned to _____.*” Note: John Mark *may* have quit because Paul seems to take charge.