

To the Ends of the Earth!

Acts 13:1-12

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13:1-13 Commissioning

- Antioch – The new center for Christianity! (Shift from Jerusalem!)
- Prophets and Teachers
 - Prophets – “Forth-telling” vs. “Fore-telling”
- Barnabas and Saul!
 - See Acts 4:36 – Joseph, from Cyprus...
 - See Acts 9:26-27 – Saul, only Barnabas took him in.
 - **Set apart by the Holy Spirit!**

13:4-12 Cyprus

- Strategy
 - Familiar ground: Cyprus – Barnabas’ home area
 - Start in the Synagogues – Romans 1:16
 - Team – Barnabas/ Saul/ John
 - Progression – whole island to Paphos
- Challenge – Bar- Jesus
 - Attendant of governor, Sergius Paulus
 - Intelligent man & wanted to hear Word of God
 - Sorcerer tried to turn governor away
- Response – Saul/ Paul
 - Filled with the Holy Spirit!
 - Warning: See Jeremiah 14:14
 - Judgment!
 - Son of the devil! (Not of a Son of Jesus!)
 - Sentence: Temporary Blindness (See Acts 9:9)
 - Purpose: Redemptive!
- Point: Power of God vs. Power of the devil - Proconsul believed!

Application:

- The Holy Spirit
 - Presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - See Acts 20:28
- What are you being prepared for?