

“Paul & Barnabas Sealed & Set Apart For God’s Service!”

Acts 12:24-25 & 13:1-3

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Recap Question

**Q: “What Was The Effect Of All Of This Divine Intervention
In The Form Of Punishment & Death Of King Herod Antipas I
Upon The Local Surrounding Populace?”**

A: The People Turned Even More To God In Faith & Became Followers Of The Faith!

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(From the Spring of 44 A.D. to the Winter of 47 A.D).”**

Acts 12:24

**Q: “What Became of Paul & Barnabas In Their Missionary Journey
Of Financial Support For The Jerusalem Church?”**

A1: They Successfully Delivered The Monetary Support & Prayers Of The People of Antioch!

Then the **Disciples** (in **Antioch**), each according to their own ability, determined to send relief to the **Brethren (Disciples)** dwelling in **Judea**. This **They (Disciples in Antioch)** also did, and sent it to the **Elders (Church Council in Jerusalem)** by the **Hands** of **Barnabas** and **Saul (Summer 47 A.D.)**.

Acts 11:29-30

A2: And Now They Both Journey Back To Antioch To Give Their Report To The People!

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Acts 12:25

Q: “Who Is John Mark?”

A1: Barnabas’ Cousin

Paul writes in his farewell to the Church in Colossae: “**Tychicus**, a Beloved Brother, Faithful Minister, and Fellow Servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with **Onesimus**, a Faithful and Beloved Brother, who is one of you They will make known to you all things which are happening here. **Aristarchus** my Fellow Prisoner greets you, with (**John**) **Mark** the **Cousin of Barnabas** (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), and **Jesus who is called Justus**. **These are my only Fellow Workers for the Kingdom of God who are of the circumcision**; they have proved to be a comfort to me. **Epaphras**, who is one of you, a Bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the Will of God. For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis ...

... **Luke** the Beloved Physician and **Demas** greet you also. Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and **Nymphas** and the Church that is in His House. Now when this **Epistle (to the Church at Colossae)** is read among you, see that it is read also in the Church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the **Epistle from Laodicea**. And say to **Archippus**, 'Take heed to the Ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.' This salutation by my own hand, Paul. Remember My Chains. Grace be with You! Amen!" **Colossians 4:7-18 (NKJV)**

Q: "Who Is John Mark?"

A2: The Writer of the 1st Account of the Life of Jesus Christ,
As A First-Person Eyewitness Account of Simon Peter,
Entitled, "**The Gospel of Mark**"

Q: "Who Were The Church Leaders & Ministers In Antioch?"

A

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NOTE

The Early Church Already Had A Built In
Set Of Gifts & Corresponding Positions

Given By The Holy Spirit To Lead His People In The Church.
This Hierarchical Organization Created By God

Was Later Written Down By Paul In His Letter To The Church In Ephesus!

Paul Instructed, "*I, therefore, the Prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace. There is One Body and One Spirit, just as you were called in One Hope of your calling; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism; One God and One Father of All, Who is Above All, and Through All, and In You All. But to each one of us Grace was given according to the Measure of Christ's Gift. Therefore, He Says: 'When He ascended on High, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men!' Now this, 'He Ascended', what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He Who descended is also the One Who ascended far above all the heavens, that He Might Fill All Things. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, till we all come to the Unity of the Faith and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, to a Perfect Man, to the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ. That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, Speaking the Truth in Love, May Grow Up in All Things into Him Who Is The Head, Christ, from Whom the Whole Body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the Body for the Edifying of Itself in Love."*

Ephesians 4:1-16

Q: "What Kind Of Church Leaders & Ministers Were Barnabas & Paul?"

A: As They Ministered to the Lord and Fasted ... **Acts 13:2a**

Q: "What Did God Ask Of The Faithful, Spirit-Filled Church Members In Antioch?"

A: The **Holy Spirit Said (Rhema)**,

"Now Separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the Work to which I have called them!"
Acts 13:2b

**Q: “How Hard Is It For God’s People,
To Let One Of Their Own Go To Minister
In Another Part Of The World
That God Has Called Them To?”**

**Q: “How Many Of Your Closest Friends Has God
Called To Serve Elsewhere Over The Years?”**

**Q: “How Thankful & Proud Are You Though,
That God Has Called Them To Serve HIM?”**

**Q: “How Did God’s Faithful, Spirit-Filled People
In Antioch Answer Their God In This Matter?”**

A

Then, having fasted and prayed,
They (Church of Antioch) laid hands on Them (Barnabas & Saul),
Then They (Church of Antioch) Sent Them (Barnabas & Saul) away.

Acts 13:3

**As Your Anointed & Chosen Church Leader
By Our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**1st) I Want To Commend You This Morning
For Your Generosity In Giving To God’s People
Around The World For His Name & Kingdom Sake
Throughout The Past Faith Filled 50 Years!**

**2nd) I Want To Commend You This Morning
For Allowing & Supporting Your Friends & Family
To Be Called By God Into The Ministry!**

**And I Want To Commend You On Praying & Commissioning
Them To Go Forth From Among You Into The World
To Share The Good News Of Jesus Christ!**

**3rd) I Also, Want This Morning To Spur You On
To Even Greater Things!**

**To A Deepening Of Your Call From God
On Your Lives & Our Church As A Family!**

Let Us This Morning Again,

Make A Vow Together To Our God This Year!

Let Us Commit To St. Paul’s Teaching To Us As God’s People The Church

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All, and In You All! Till we all come to the Unity of the Faith and of the Knowledge of the
Son of God, to a Perfect Man, to the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ that we should
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