

***“Witnessing Boldy Brings A Divine Witness
Accompanied By Signs & Wonders,
Opposition, & Persecution!”***

Acts 14:1-7

Now it happened in **Iconium** that **They (Paul & Barnabas)** went **Together** to the Synagogue of the Jews, and so **Spoke (Preach & Teach)** that **a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks Believed**. But the **Unbelieving Jews** stirred up the **Gentiles** and poisoned their minds against the **Brethren**. Therefore, **They (Paul & Barnabas)** **Stayed** there a **Long Time**, **Speaking Boldly** in the **Lord, Who was Bearing Witness to the Word of His Grace, Granting Signs and Wonders** to be **done by Their Hands**. But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the Apostles. And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone **Them (Paul & Barnabas)**, **They** became aware of it and fled to **Lystra** and **Derbe**, cities of **Lycaonia**, and to the surrounding region. And **They** were **Preaching** the **Gospel** there. **Acts 14:1-7 (NKJV)**

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***“After Being Persecuted & Threatened
Where Do Paul & Barnabas Go Next After Leaving Pisidian Antioch?”***

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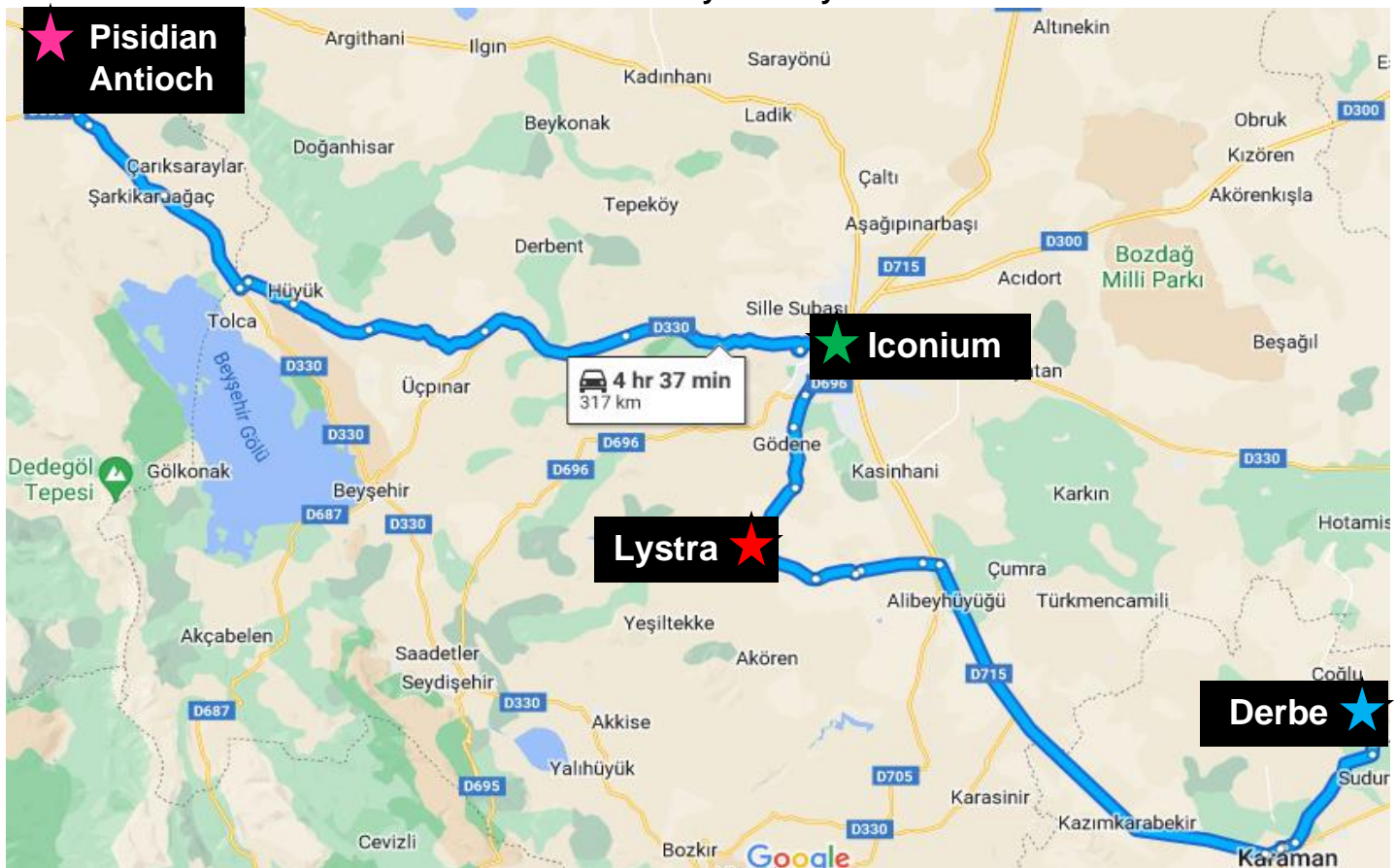
They Travel To Iconium – Lystra – Derbe

Overland Distance From Pisidian Antioch To Iconium Is About 95 Miles

Overland Distance From Iconium To Lystra Is About 23 Miles

Overland Distance From Lystra To Derbe Is About 78 Miles

New Missionary Journeys



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*“What Is The Pattern Wherever Paul Goes
When It Comes To Preaching & Teaching The Full Gospel Message?”*

A

Paul Enters The Local Synagogue & Awaits An Opportunity To Preach / Teach / Debate

NOTE

Paul Always Uses A 4-Part Formula When Sharing The Gospel of Good News

1) OT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People According To God’s Plan & Promise

2) NT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People Fulfilled In Jesus Christ

3) Support With Various Scriptures

Use The Scriptures Read In The Synagogue / Church Meeting That Day
&/Or Use Supporting Scriptures From The Bible

4) Exhort & Encourage

The Audience To Go Further In Their Thinking & Understanding Of The Past & Their Lives

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*“What Is The Response God Desires Of His True Followers
When They Are Personally Prosecuted or Threatened?”*

Q

*“What Is The Response God Desires Of His True Followers
When The Gospel Message Is Debated, Defamed, Distorted, Silenced, Or Threatened?”*

A

True Believers/Followers Of Jesus Christ Are To Be Bold In His Spirit & Speak Up For The Gospel

They Are Always Ready To Follow Through With A 4-Fold Plan:

1) Presentation, 2) Decision, 3) Judgement, & 4) Movement

3) Judgement & 4) Movement

But the **Jews (Religious Authorities of the Regional Synagogue)** stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the **City (Pisidian Antioch)**, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But **They (Paul & Barnabas)** shook off the dust from their feet against Them (Jewish Religious Authorities), and came to **Iconium.** Acts 13:50-51 (NKJV)

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“What Do Paul & Barnabas Do Upon Entering The Next City At Iconium?”

A - 1) Presentation

... Now it happened in **Iconium** that **They (Paul & Barnabas)** went **Together** to the Synagogue of the Jews, and so **Spoke (Preach & Teach)** ... Acts 14:1a

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“What Always Follows A Presentation Of The Full Gospel Message?”

A1 - 2) Decision

Acceptance, Repentance, & Salvation

... That a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks **Believed** ... Acts 14:1b

A2 - 2) Decision

Rejection, Opposition, & Persecution

... But the **Unbelieving Jews** stirred up the **Gentiles**

and poisoned their minds against the **Brethren** ... Acts 14:2

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“What Must Christians Do At The First Sign Of Opposition & Rejection?”

A

Be On The Alert, But Remain Bold, Patient, & Persistent Until God Instructs Us Otherwise
... Therefore, **They (Paul & Barnabas)** Stayed there a **Long Time**, **Speaking Boldly** in the **Lord** ...
Acts 14:3a

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“What Will God Do To Aid Us In Our Mission?”

A

He Will Bear Witness To Himself & Allow Us To Perform Signs & Wonders In His Name
... (The) **Lord**, **Who was Bearing Witness to the Word of His Grace**,
Granting Signs and Wonders to be done by Their Hands ...
Acts 14:3bc

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“What Does The Gospel Demand Of All Of Us?”

A

A Personal Decision

... But the multitude of the city was divided:
part sided with the Jews, and part with the Apostles ...

Acts 14:4

Q

“What Does Satan Do In Response To A Full Presentation Of The Truth Of The Gospel?”

A

Opposition & Persecution

... And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews,
with their rulers, to abuse and stone **Them (Paul & Barnabas)** ...

Acts 14:5

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*“What Must The Faithful Christian Do,
When They Are Persecuted To The Point Of Bodily Harm &/Or Martyrdom?”*

A

3) Judgement & 4) Movement

... **They** became aware of it and fled to **Lystra** and **Derbe**,
cities of **Lycaonia**, and to the surrounding region ...

Acts 14:6

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“What Does The Faithful Christian Do Upon Entering A New Town Or Area?”

A

1) Presentation & 2) Decision

... And **They** were **Preaching** the **Gospel** there ... Acts 14:7

*“Let Us As God’s Beloved & Chosen People,
Present The Full Gospel Of Grace & Love To All We Meet,
Let Us Also Follow The Simple Plan Of Our Brothers & Sisters
Of The Early Church & Faith!”*

*“Let Us Be Ever More Alert, Bold, Diligent, & Persistent,
For The Days Are Growing
Darker, Ever Evil, & Increasingly Shorter,
As Jesus Christ Our Lord Warned Us!”*

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Jesus said, “And you will be hated by all for **My Name's Sake**. **But he who endures to the end will be saved**. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, **I** say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the **Son of Man** comes.”

Matthew 10:22-23 (NKJV)