

## Acts 12:25--13:5 **Paul (Saul) and Barnabas sent out on Missionary journey**

### Return from Jerusalem to Antioch

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

Acts 13:1-5

### Prophets and Teachers at Antioch

<sup>1</sup> Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

### Paul (Saul) and Barnabas selected by the Holy Spirit and sent out

<sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

### Preaching in Synagogues with John (Mark) as their assistant

<sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Saul and Barnabas had been sent to Jerusalem with famine relief from the Church at Antioch. [Acts 11:27-30]
- ✚ When they had fulfilled their ministry of delivering relief to the elders in Jerusalem, they returned to Antioch bringing John (Mark) with them. [Acts 12:25]

### Prophets and Teachers in Church at Antioch

- ✚ Barnabas, Simeon (Niger), Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, Saul (Paul). [Acts 13:1]
- ✧ Manaen had been brought up with Herod the Tetrarch.

### Paul (Saul) and Barnabas selected by the Holy Spirit – sent out by the Holy Spirit and the Church

- ✚ The Holy Spirit selected Barnabas and Saul for a special calling, and commanded the Church at Antioch to separate them and send them out. [Acts 13:2]
- ✧ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. [Acts 13:3]

### Preaching in Synagogues with John (Mark) as their assistant

- ✚ The first leg of the journey took them to the seaport city of Seleucia in Syria from which they caught a ship to Salamis on the island of Cyprus, where they preached the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.
  - ✧ Seleucia was 16 miles from Antioch.
  - ✧ Salamis was a city on the east coast of the island of Cyprus founded by Teucer from the island of Salamis off the coast of Greece.
  - ✧ Salamis was the birthplace of Barnabas.
  - ✧ There was a large concentration of Jews at Salamis and several synagogues.