

Acts 16:1-5 **Return to Churches in Derbe, Lystra, and Iconium**

(Second journey continued)

Timothy Joined them

¹ Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. ⁴ And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ On the start of his second missionary journey, Paul took Silas with him and went on foot from Antioch of Syria, northward through Syria around the Eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, and westward through Cilicia strengthening the Churches along the way. [Acts 15:40-41]
- ✦ These were Churches that were not started by Paul on his first missionary journey.
- ✦ Being among the Gentiles they needed the decision from the leadership in Jerusalem concerning Gentiles, circumcision, and the influence of the Judaisers. [Acts 15:1-31]
- ✦ Since they were coming from the South East through Cilicia, they approached the cities of Derby, Lystra, and Iconium in reverse order than that which they had approached them on the first missionary trip when they came north from Perga in Pamphylia through Antioch of Pisidia. [Acts 13:13-14, 51, 14:1-6, 19-20]
- ✚ Timothy was one of the Disciples in Lystra, having a Jewish mother and a Greek father. [Acts 16:1]
- ✚ Timothy had a good reputation and was well spoken of by the brethren in Lystra and Iconium. [Acts 16:2]
- ✚ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany them on the remainder of the journey, so because of the Jews, Paul circumcised Timothy so as not to be an offence to the Jews who knew his father was Greek. [Acts 16:3]
- ✚ As they went through the cities they delivered the decision given to them in the letter from the Leadership in Jerusalem. [Acts 15:22-29, 16:4]
- ✚ The Churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in number daily. [Acts 16:5]