

<sup>14.1</sup> In Iconium, after Paul and Barnabas came into the synagogue of the Judeans and spoke, a large multitude of Judeans and Greeks became trusting. <sup>2</sup> The Judeans, who were not persuaded, rose against Paul and Barnabas and did harm to the lives of those from the nations by turning them against the brothers. <sup>3</sup> Paul and Barnabas stayed for an adequate time, speaking confidently because the Lord was testifying to his word of generosity by giving signs and wonders through their hands. <sup>4</sup> The multitude of the city was split—some were with the Judeans and some were with the representatives. <sup>5</sup> But when some from the nations and the Judeans, along with their leaders, had an impulse to shame them and throw stones at them, <sup>6</sup> Paul and Barnabas fled into the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding land.

<sup>7</sup> There, in Lystra and Derbe, they began declaring the Gospel. <sup>8</sup> A man, powerless to use his feet, was sitting in Lystra. Disabled from his mother's womb, he had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul speaking, who, gazing at him and discerning that he had the trust to be rescued, <sup>10</sup> said with a great voice,

“Stand upright upon your feet!”

He jumped up and began walking. <sup>11</sup> Seeing what Paul did, the crowds lifted up their voice in Lycaonian, saying,

“The gods have come down to us like humans!”

<sup>12</sup> They began calling Barnabas, “Zeus,” and Paul, “Hermes,” since he was the one guiding the word. <sup>13</sup> The temple-caretaker of Zeus, who was outside the city with the crowds, bringing bulls and wreaths to the gates, was wanting to sacrifice to them. <sup>14</sup> Hearing this, the representatives, Barnabas and Paul, tore their garments and rushed into the crowd, shouting <sup>15</sup> and saying,

“Men, why are you doing these things? We are humans like you! We are declaring the Gospel to you so you will turn from these useless things to the living Creator—he made heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them! <sup>16</sup> In the generations past, he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. <sup>17</sup> Yet he did not set himself free without testimony—he was working good, giving you showers from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and well-being.”

<sup>18</sup> Saying these things, they stopped the crowds, with difficulty, from sacrificing to them. <sup>19</sup> Then some Judeans came out from Pisidian Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds. After throwing stones at Paul, they dragged Paul outside of the city, supposing him to be dead. <sup>20</sup> After the apprentices surrounded him, Paul stood up and went into the city. On the next day, he went out with Barnabas to Derbe. <sup>21</sup> After declaring the Gospel in that city and training adequate apprentices, they turned back to Lystra, Iconium, and Pisidian Antioch. <sup>22</sup> Helping the apprentices stand firm in their lives, they were exhorting them so they might remain trusting, saying,

“It is necessary for us to enter the Rule of the Creator through many oppressions!”

<sup>23</sup> While praying and going without consuming, they hand-picked many elders throughout the community and

entrusted them into the hands of the Lord, whom they were trusting.

<sup>24</sup> Going through Pisidia, they came into the province of Pamphylia <sup>25</sup> and, speaking the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia. <sup>26</sup> From there they boated to Syrian Antioch, where they had been given over to the generosity of the Creator for the work they fulfilled. <sup>27</sup> Coming forth and gathering the community, they recounted all the Creator did among them and that he even opened the door of trust for the nations. <sup>28</sup> There, in Syrian Antioch, they stayed a considerable time with the apprentices.