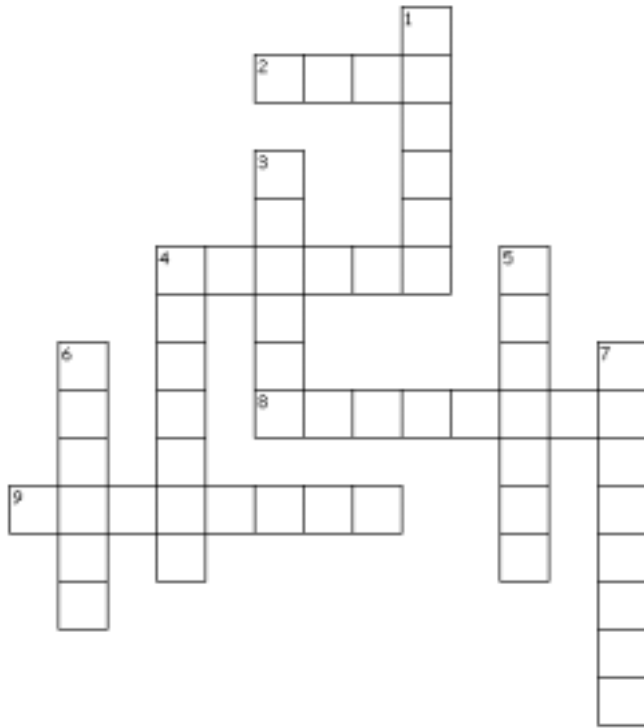


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J.O.P. The Journeys Of Paul Lesson 2



Across

- 2. God changes his name to Paul P1
- 4. _____ was the capital city of Cyprus P5
- 8. Cyprus is seventy miles from? P4
- 9. Paul _____ and Mark P2

Down

- 1. he was a child of the devil P8
- 3. they traveled from Seleucia to _____ P3
- 4. Sergius Paulus a _____ man P7
- 5. keep away from magic and ? P6
- 6. He is not sent to the nation of? P1
- 7. at Paphos Paul met _____ the sorcerer P3

Find the hidden phrase for **extra** points!

Nation – Barnabus – Paul – Mark
 BarJesus – sorcerer – Seleucia – Paphos
 capital – Cyprus – sorcery – Magic
 prudent - SergiusPaulus – Elymas

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The Journeys Of Paul – Lesson 2

The First Journey

P-1 After Saul gets saved on the road of Damascus God changes his name to Paul. Paul is the first person to become a member of the “church the body of Christ”. He is sent to preach the gospel of grace to the Gentiles. He is not sent to the nation of Israel but he does preach to them when he has opportunity. Paul is our pattern for today. This means that you and I are to look at his life and see what he did so that we can know how we are to act and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

P-2 The first journey begins when Paul, Barnabas, and Mark set out from Antioch of Syria. The Leaders of the Christian church meet and believed it was God's will to send Barnabas and Paul on a journey to reach the unsaved Gentiles. After the meeting of church leaders, they sent Paul and Barnabas on their way. *Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*

P-3 Paul and Barnabas along with Mark boarded a ship and traveled from **Seleucia to Cyprus**. This journey started after **44 AD** and ended a before **50 AD** which is ____ years. They left Antioch of Syria for Seleucia and sailed to Cyprus, large island 100 miles off Syrian coast. *Acts 13:4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.* There they went to Salamis and Paphos where Paul met Bar-Jesus the sorcerer. *Acts 13:5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. 6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:*

P-4 The Island of Cyprus Cyprus is a large island in the Eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea. It was about seventy miles from Seleucia. Cyprus was the home of Barnabas and was welcomed to the island. The Christians had fled to Cyprus because of the persecution in their church in Jerusalem. The small ship sailed along the shores of the island and arrived in the city of Salamis. Salamis was the chief city of the island of Cyprus, and it had many idol shrines and temples to the Grecian gods. Paul and Barnabas spent much time preaching the gospel in the local synagogues here almost everyone turned out to listen to their preaching. After some time in Salamis, the three men journeyed on foot from one end of the island to the other. They preached the gospel every time they had an opportunity. After many weeks of traveling, they arrived in the city of Paphos. This is where they meet the evil Bar-Jesus.

P-5 The City of Paphos Paphos was the capital city of Cyprus. It was located on the west end of the island. Paul, Barnabas, and Mark found the Jewish community of the city and began preaching the good news of the grace of God. Some Jews were converted while some were offended by their message. The Roman governor of Cyprus, **Sergius Paulus**, had heard of Paul's preaching and sent for him. Paul met with the governor and at this meeting he preached to him the great news of the Lord Jesus Christ coming to earth and crucified on a cross for our sins,

and three days later rose from the grave. But there was an evil Jewish man there who did not want the Roman governor to believe the gospel of grace and tried to stop him from hearing the truth.

P-6 The Evil Bar-Jesus *Acts 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain **sorcerer**, a **false prophet**, a **Jew**, whose name was Barjesus:* Sorcerer means he had dealings with evil spirits which the Bible says is wrong. You should not have anything to do with magic and sorcery because it is connected with the devil. He was a false prophet which means he did not tell the truth about God's word. And he was a Jew which means he did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep in mind that the Jew's had been cast aside as God's chosen people at this time because of their unbelief. So all unbelieving Jews were really Gentiles from God's viewpoint because all true Jews would believe in Jesus.

P-7 *7 Which was **with** the deputy of the country, **Sergius Paulus**, a **prudent man**; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and **desired** to hear the word of God. 8 But **Elymas** the sorcerer (*for so is his name by interpretation*) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Elymas does not want this Gentile man to hear the word of God!*

P-8 *9 Then Saul, (**who also is called Paul**), filled with the Holy Ghost, **set his eyes on him**, 10 And said, O full of all **subtlety** and all **mischief**, thou **child of the devil**, thou **enemy of all righteousness**, wilt thou not **cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord**?*

In verse 9 we see that Saul beginning to be called Paul in the word of God. Next week we will talk a bit about that, but for now notice what Paul says to this evil man. Anyone who tries to keep a person from getting saved could be called these kinds of words. The devil is called subtle because he talked Eve into sinning. And Elymas is trying to do the same thing, he is trying to talk the deputy (Roman governor) out of being saved. Mischief is being harmful or evil. Then Paul calls him a child of the devil because children act just like their daddy! He is acting just like his daddy the devil. Paul also calls him the ENEMY of all righteousness and a perverter of the truth. I do not think Paul liked him very much... do you?

P-9 God Judges The Evil Man Through Paul... *11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.*

What we have here is a former evil Jewish leader (Paul) who was blinded by the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. Paul got his sight back when he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. God now uses Paul to blind another Jew (now a Gentile) because he will not believe. Have no fear for Elymas because he could get saved if he would believe the gospel of grace.

P-10 *12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.*

The devil can not win when we remember who our daddy is! Elymas' daddy was the devil. Paul's father is God. If you want to be like Paul you will remember who is on your side and tell everyone you know the gospel of grace. What a great journey Paul is on. What a great journey we are on too!

Next week we will continue with this first JOP!

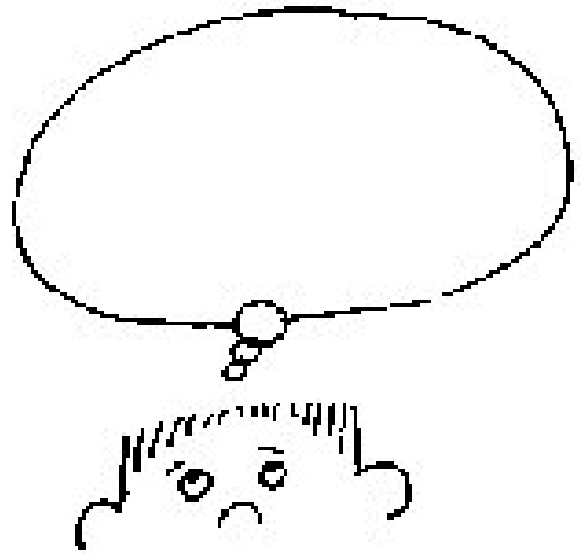


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Put the cities that Paul visited in their right order by placing a number by the name.

- _____ Attalia
- _____ Antioch Pisidia
- _____ Antioch Syria
- _____ Derbe
- _____ Iconium
- _____ Lystra
- _____ Paphos
- _____ Perga
- _____ Salamis
- _____ Seleucia



God wanted Paul to do something... what does he want you to do?