

**The Gospel Spreads**  
**Lesson #9**  
**Acts 12:19b-13:12**

**Death of Herod – Acts 12:19b – 25**

1. King Herod (Agrippa I) sounded very much like his grandfather, Herod the Great. Luke said first he executed the apostle James and when he failed to get Peter to the executioner, he took his anger out on the innocent guards. After making sure the guards were executed, Herod left Jerusalem and headed back to his palace in Caesarea. Using Acts 12:20:
  - What happened while he was in Caesarea?
  - How did the people from these two cities handle the situation?
  - Why did they think was it important for them to make peace with King Herod?
2. Describe what took place on this “appointed day.” (Acts 12:21-23)
3. In spite of King Herod’s attempts, what does Luke say continued to happen? (Acts 12:24)
4. *“When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem...”* What was that mission? (Acts 11:27-30)
5. Whom did Barnabas and Saul bring back with them from Jerusalem to Antioch? (Acts 12:25)
6. *“In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers.”* Who is listed among the teachers and what, if anything is said about each one? (Acts 13:1)

7. The order in which names are listed is always significant in the Bible. Please note who is:
- First:
  - Last:

**First Missionary Journey – Acts 13:1-12**

8. Using Acts 13:2, on the day these first missionaries were called:
- What were the Christians doing?
  - Who initiated this “calling?”
  - Who was to be “set apart?”
  - For what purpose?
9. *“So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”* Who sent them off? (Acts 13:4a)
10. What was this missionary team’s first destination? (Acts 13:4b)
11. Where did they begin to proclaim the word of God? (Acts 13:5a)
12. Who did they take as their helper? (Acts 13:5b & 12:25)
13. *“They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos.”* At Paphos they met two men. What does Luke say about:
- Bar Jesus? (Acts 13:6, 7a)
  - Sergius Paulus? (Acts 13:7b)

14. At this point Saul took the lead role. Also note the name change in Acts 13:9 as Saul chose to use his Roman name, Paul. Luke said that Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit and while looking straight at Elymas (Bar Jesus) what did he say? (Acts 13:10)
  
15. Paul had Elymas' attention but he wasn't done speaking yet. He told him, "*The hand of the Lord is against you.*" What did Paul prophesy would happen? (Acts 13:11a)
  
16. How quickly was Paul's prophecy fulfilled? (Acts 13:11b)
  
17. What effect did that have on Sergius Paulus? (Acts 13:12)