

CHANGED LIVES

Lesson 14

BARNABAS:

Acts 4:36

Acts 9:27

Acts 11:19-30

Acts 12:25

Acts 13:1-7

Acts 13:42-50

Acts 14:1-23

Acts 15:2-12

Acts 15:22-26

Acts 15:35-39

I Corinthians 9:6

Galatians 2:1, 9, 13

Colossians 4:10

Did you Notice:

Barnabas means: “son of consolation” Also called Joses or Joseph

Acts 4:36 A levite from Cyprus who showed compassion and generosity by selling a field and giving money to the Apostles.

Acts 9:26-28 Barnabas spoke on Saul’s behalf to the apostles. This led to Saul’s acceptance and beginning ministry in Jerusalem, which is cut short by threats.

Acts 11:19-30 Barnabas (from Cyprus) was sent to Antioch to check on the work among the Greeks by men of Cyprus and Cyrene. Barnabas “encourages” them to remain true to the Lord. God continues to add to the church. Barnabas travels to Tarsus to get Saul who returns with him to Antioch, where they work for a year. They are entrusted with sending a gift to the brothers in Judea.

Acts 12:25 Barnabas and Saul complete the mission of delivering the gift to the brothers and as they return, take John Mark (Barnabas’ relative).

Acts 13:1-7 Called by the Holy Spirit, Barnabas and Saul set out for Cyprus and go through the island teaching in the Jewish synagogues.

Acts 13:42-50 In Pisidian Antioch, they preach the Gospel and are invited to return the following week. Jealous Jews begin to oppose and Barnabas speaks out with Paul proclaiming that they will go to the Gentiles. The protests become so great soon after, that they leave the area, but not before, Gentiles responded to the message of salvation.

Acts 14:1-23 In Iconium, Barnabas and Paul speak so effectively and performing miracles that many believed. Jews, joined with Gentiles and leaders to mistreat and stone Paul & Barnabas, but they escape to Lystra and Derbe. After curing a crippled man, they are treated as gods, and when they resist the people turn on them and stone Paul. The next day they head on to Derbe and then returned to the others cities to strengthen and encourage the disciples. They appointed elders in each church; with prayer and fasting committed them to the Lord. They return to Antioch and report what God had done.

Acts 15:2-12 “Judaizers” came to Antioch and insisted that Gentiles follow all Jewish customs. Paul and Barnabas head down to Jerusalem to talk it over with the leaders; telling what God had done among the Gentiles, to the areas that they passed through.

Acts 15:22-26 Paul and Barnabas are entrusted to take the decision back to the church at Antioch, accompanied by brothers from Jerusalem to verify the message.

Acts 15:35-39 Barnabas and Paul remained in Antioch working together to preached and taught. They decided to return and encourage the disciples in the places from their first missionary journey. Paul refused to take John Mark (because John Mark deserted them on the first trip). Barnabas was insistent on giving the young man another chance. They part ways, with Barnabas heading to Cyprus to encourage the disciples there, while Paul would return to Asia Minor to encourage the disciples there.

I Corinthians 9:6 Paul makes reference to his traveling companion on his first missionary journey, as he writes to the believers in Corinth, during his 3rd missionary journey. Speaks how Barnabas worked to support himself.

Galatians 2:1, 9, 13 Paul, refers to Barnabas and the key role he had played early on in Paul’s ministry. He shares how even Barnabas was deceived.

Colossians 4:10 Barnabas is referenced in relationship with John Mark, while Paul is imprisoned in Rome the first time.

CHURCH TRADITION:

Barnabas was taught by Gamaliel and became a follower of Jesus. He led Mary and John Mark to the faith. He is suggested to be one of the 70 that Jesus sent out. It is thought he might have tried to convert Saul, but Saul decided to persecute these followers of Jesus instead of joining them. It is believed that he was back in Cyprus preaching when Jews came, drug him out and killed him. This is suggested to have happened during Paul’s first imprisonment in Rome.

What lessons can you learn for YOUR life?