

## Acts 14:8-20 – The Gospel in Lystra

- **Background Information**

1. Having been driven out of A\_\_\_\_\_ of P\_\_\_\_\_ and of I\_\_\_\_\_, Paul and Barnabas remain in the region of G\_\_\_\_\_ and the sub-region of L\_\_\_\_\_ as they minister in Lystra.
2. It is significant to note that the Roman author O\_\_\_\_\_ tells a tale of a visit from J\_\_\_\_\_ (Zeus) and M\_\_\_\_\_ (Hermes) to this region in which the citizens are i\_\_\_\_\_ to them and killed by the gods. They are not going to let this happen again!
3. Inscriptions have been found near L\_\_\_\_\_ that include references to t\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ for Zeus and Hermes.

- **Same Healing Ministry**

1. Compare Acts 3:1-8 and 14:8-10. What similarities can be found?

Why would the Holy Spirit include both of these events in Scripture?

2. It is worth noting that faith to be m\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ (physically healed) can be translated s\_\_\_\_\_ (spiritually healed).

- **Different Approaches to Being Called God(s)**

1. Compare Acts 12:21-23 and 14:11-15a. Could the apostles' response be any more different than Herod's?
2. Note also Acts 10:26 and 28:3-6 in light of our consideration of worshiping the apostles.

- **Same Gospel – Different Approaches**

1. Although the “good news” (verse 15) is being presented here, how is the starting point of the gospel completely different than previous sermons from Peter, Stephen, and Paul in Acts?

Why is that the case?

Which starting point is most appropriate for our presentation of the gospel with most citizens of our country today?

2. Both c\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_ are referenced in this presentation. God’s goodness extends even to those “who walk in their own way” (verse 16) as they are given r\_\_\_\_\_, f\_\_\_\_\_, and g\_\_\_\_\_. This God of creation and providence is contrasted to the “v\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_” the people of Lystra worship.
3. Luke does not record all of the m\_\_\_\_\_ here. It is i\_\_\_\_\_ that Paul and Barnabas would not reference the need for J\_\_\_\_\_ (note the call to repent or turn in verse 15) in this sermon. A more complete s\_\_\_\_\_ to Gentile p\_\_\_\_\_ is found in Acts 17:22-31.

- **Three More Remarkable Events**

1. Note the c\_\_\_\_\_ of Lystra’s remarkable f\_\_\_\_\_. They went from trying to w\_\_\_\_\_ Paul to trying to k\_\_\_\_\_ him. Does this sound familiar?
2. Note the remarkable p\_\_\_\_\_ of God upon Paul as he was s\_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 11:25, Galatians 6:17, II Timothy 3:10-11).
3. Note the remarkable c\_\_\_\_\_ of Paul as he went right back to L\_\_\_\_\_ the next day (Acts 9:15-16, Acts 1:8, Matthew 16:21 and 24-25).