

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

ACTS 13:13-52

I. The _____ for the _____. (vs. 13-15)

II. The _____ of the _____. (vs 16-41)

III. The _____ _____ to the _____. (vs 42-52)

Points to Ponder

1. Consider how Paul faces two hardships early on after he leaves the island of Cyprus- the desertion of John Mark and sickness such as malaria. Paul does not let these difficulties discourage him to the point of giving up. Rather, Paul keeps on and preaches the Gospel which is received by some with great joy. How does this encourage you in your present circumstances? Ask the Lord to give you strength to follow Him no matter what difficulties come your way.
2. Consider how Paul goes back through a history of Israel: the choosing of the patriarchs, the deliverance from Egypt, the time in the wilderness, the conquest of Canaan, the time of the Judges, the creation of a monarchy- but everything points to something greater- Jesus. God had a plan for history back then. History with God seen as the main character is going somewhere. It is going exactly where He determines it to go. And He has a plan for our history today as well. How encouraging is it to know that God is using your history to work out His plans for the present and future?