

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Mission of Paul and Barnabas

13 ¹There were at Antioch—in the Church which was there—prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon known as Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod, and Saul. ²On one occasion while they were celebrating the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said to them:

—Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul to do the work for which I have called them.

³So, after fasting and praying, they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴These then, sent by the Holy Spirit, went down to the port of Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus. ⁵Upon their arrival in Salamis they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogue; John was with them as an assistant.

⁶They traveled over the whole island as far as Paphos where they met a certain magician named Bar-Jesus, a Jewish false prophet.

¹¹At once a misty darkness came upon him, and he groped about for someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²The governor saw what had happened; he believed, and was deeply impressed by the teaching about the Lord.

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