

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 13:4-12

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5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to *their* minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

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Tonight we continue looking at *Paul's First Missionary Journey*.



[https://www.conformingtojesus.com/charts-maps/en/paul%27s first journey map.htm](https://www.conformingtojesus.com/charts-maps/en/paul%27s%20first%20journey%20map.htm)

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(b) Their Message, 13:5a “And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews...”





<https://www.bradtguides.com/destinations/europe/cyprus/north-cyprus/salamis.html>

(c) Their Minister, 13:5b "...and they had also John to *their* minister."

Original Word: ὑπηρέτης

Transliteration: hupéretés

Definition: a servant, an attendant, (a) an officer, lictor, (b) an attendant in a synagogue, (c) a minister of the gospel.

hypēretēs (from *hypó*, "under" and *ēressō*, "to row") – properly, a rower (a crewman on a boat), an "under-rower" who mans the oars on a lower deck; (figuratively) a *subordinate* executing official orders, i.e. operating under direct (specific) orders.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5257.htm>

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the **ministers** of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

(2) Their Final Stop, 13:6a "And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos..."

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(3) Their Fierce Struggle, 13:6b-12

(a) The Initial Contact, 13:6b-7

- i. The False-Hearted Prophet, 13:6b
“...they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, **a Jew**, whose name *was* Barjesus:”

Original Word: Βαριήσοῦς

Transliteration: Bariésous

Definition: Bar-Jesus, the name of the sorcerer and false prophet at Paphos in Cyprus; he is also called Elymas.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/919.htm>

- ii. The Fair-Proconsul, 13:7

Acts 13:7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

Original Word: συνετός

Transliteration: sunetos

Definition: intelligent, prudent, wise, understanding, discerning.

synetós (an adjective, derived from *syníēmi*, "to understand by synthesizing") – properly, "personal" understanding that results from *correlating* facts (concepts), i.e. as understanding works in keeping with *one's own perspective*.

"*Personal* comprehension" (*synetós*) however is only sound when it follows God's word. *synetós* ("understanding") *apart* from faith ("God's inbirthed *persuasions*") simply expresses the limitations (biases) of the thinker – which is the usual (negative) connotation of this term in the NT. See: Mt. 11:25; Lk. 10:21; 1 Cor. 1:19.

[The other occasion of (*synetós*) in the NT, Ac 13:7, is more neutral. But even here it doesn't reflect the prudence (intelligence) that comes directly from the Holy Spirit.]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4908.htm>

2 Thess. 2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Deut. 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

(b) The Inevitable Confrontation, 13:8-11

i. The Foe's Jealous Behavior, 13:8

Acts 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

ii. The Foe's Jewish Background, 13:9-10

Acts 13:9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) **filled with the Holy Ghost**, set his eyes on him,
10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, ***thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness**, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

iii. The Foe's Judicial Blindness, 13:11

Acts 13:11 And now, behold, **the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind**, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

(c) The Individual Convert, 13:12

Acts 13:12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, **being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.**

Conclusion

Isa. 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; **come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and **your labour for *that which satisfieth not?*** hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. ...

11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,** and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.