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**Acts 11:18-26**

**The Gospel Goes to Antioch**

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**Paul Will Journey to Jerusalem**

**Acts 19:21 (NASB)**  
Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

- There was much opposition in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-41)
- Rejection at Jerusalem was predicted for Paul (Acts 21:11-14)
- Paul's mission is a fulfillment of Acts 1:8

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**God Is Sovereign in Conversion**

**Acts 11:18 (NASB)**  
When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

- "Granted" is *dido\_mi* in aorist active indicative
- Yet we learn in Acts 15 that the issue is not fully resolved
- We are always to give glory to God when He saves!

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### The Gospel Goes to Antioch

**Acts 11:19, 20 (NASB)**

So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

- [Persecution spreads the church](#)

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### People Turn to Christ in Faith

**Acts 11:21-23 (NASB)**

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

- [Those who come to Christ are nurtured and encouraged in the faith](#)

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### Saul of Tarsus and Christians

**Acts 11:24-26 (NASB)**

for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

- [We last heard about Saul in Acts 9](#)

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