

### A Lame Man Healed

#### Acts 14:8-10 (NASB)

At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and began to walk.

- There is an echo of Acts 3:1-10
- Both mention "from his mother's womb"
- Both mention leaping

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### The Gospel Confronts Paganism

#### Acts 14:11-12 (NASB)

When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us." And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

- Here an indigenous language is used
- Their pagan ideas show they are far from knowing the nature of the true God
- These are not like the God-fearing Greeks

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### Pagan Worship Is "Vain"

#### Acts 14:13-15 (NASB)

The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

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### Paul Teaches Common Grace

#### Acts 14:16-18 (NASB)

"In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

- God has allowed pagans to live on His earth and enjoy its benefits
- This sets up a confrontation and persecution

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