

Acts 13 Discussion Guide

1. Why do you think Luke (a) introduces Saul's Greek name (Paul) here and (b) uses that name for most of the rest of the book of Acts?
2. Stop to consider how intimidating a figure Saul must have been. He had been rising quickly in prominence amongst the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem years ago, developing his oratorical delivery and the weight of his physical presence, no doubt. With some age and a confident commitment to the Will of God, he must have become a force to be reckoned with before he set out on these journeys. Bar-Jesus really didn't have a chance against him when they met in Paphos. Reading his response to Bar-Jesus in verses 9-11, how do you think that played out, and what might have been the reactions from those present?
3. Although Luke does not give a reason in this chapter for John Mark's departure from the company, why did he leave, and what was the fallout of that decision?
4. What did the Jewish people who heard Saul's message object to? What does that say about them?