

EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #32
Section Three, “The Foreign Emphasis,” Part One
“Paul is a Pioneer for the Continuation of the Church,” #2
“Paul Exclaims the Christ- The First Missionary Journey,” Part One
“The Commencement of the First Missionary Journey,” #2
“Paul’s Message Prompts a Choice,” Part One
“Paul’s Message Introduces Jesus,” Acts 13:13-30
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INTRODUCTION:

SneakPreview: The opportunity of introducing Jesus to others involves two truths: First, Jesus came to save those who will receive Him. Second, Jesus must judge those who reject Him.

As we continue with this third section of Acts, “The Foreign Emphasis,” we are considering the Commencement, or first phase, of Paul’s First Missionary Journey.

We have divided this phase into three messages:

- 1) Paul’s Miracle Produces a Conversion, 13:1-12 (last message).
- 2) Paul’s Message Prompts a Choice.
 - a) Paul’s Message Introduces Jesus, 13-30 (this message).
 - b) Paul’s Message Indicts the Jews, 31-41 (next message). And...
- 3) Paul’s Multitudes Present a Challenge. 42-52 (finishing chapter thirteen).

PROPOSITION: Let us consider four aspects of Paul’s introduction of Jesus, and apply these principles to our own lives.

I. PAUL’S OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCING JESUS IS REALIZED.
Vss. 13-15.

- A. Paul Realizes the Opportunity to **Expand** His Mission. Vs. 13.
- B. Paul Realizes the Opportunity to **Express** His Motivation. Vs. 14.
- C. Paul Realizes the Opportunity to **Exclaim** His Message. Vs. 15.

LifePoint One: Opportunity is not something that “comes knocking,” rather, opportunity is something that we seek. “We” are to knock on the door of opportunity!

II. PAUL’S ORATION FOR INTRODUCING JESUS IS RECITED. Vss. 16-22.

- A. The **Seriousness** of Paul’s Message is Expressed, Vs. 16.
- B. The **Subject** of Paul’s Message is Explained. Vss. 17-22.

LifePoint Two: The entire narrative of the Old Testament leads to the life, death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The pivotal point of history is the life of Christ.

III. PAUL’S OBJECTIVE FOR INTRODUCING JESUS IS REVEALED.
Vss. 23-25.

- A. Consider the **Promise** of Jesus. Vs. 23.
- B. Consider the **Proclamation** of Jesus. Vs. 24.
- C. Consider the **Preparation** for Jesus. Vs. 25.

LifePoint Three: The whole objective of true preaching is to exalt Christ, not the preacher. When a preacher exalts himself, he is not of Christ, but of the spirit of antichrist!

IV. PAUL’S OFFER IN INTRODUCING JESUS IS REMITTED.
Vss. 26-30.

- A. The Potential Recipients of this Offer are **Identified**. Vs. 26.
- B. The Previous Rejection of this Offer is **Indicated**. Vss. 27, 28.
- C. The Powerful Reliability of this Offer is **Implied**. Vss. 29, 30.

LifePoint Four: Why are the attempts to thwart God’s plan and stunt the growth of the God’s Church futile? Because there is an empty tomb outside of Jerusalem!

APPLICATION:

PowerPoint: If God is in an opportunity, go for it! No door that God has opened can be shut by any man! If God is not in the opportunity, leave it alone! No door that God has shut can be opened by any man!