

Salvation Sent to Those Who Fear God

Acts 13:13-26

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I. John Mark went home. **Acts 13:13**

Notice how the narrative has changed, and here in **Acts 13:13**, Dr. Luke refers to the group as “_____ *and his party*”.

- Many commentators believe John Mark was _____ of the potential dangers of jail, death, or harm while traveling and meeting people who were opposed to the Gospel.

We find an awesome example of forgiveness and _____ in the biblical narrative in **2 Timothy**, about Paul and Mark.

II. Invited to speak. **Acts 13:14-15**

The first thing that would take place in a synagogue service was the reading of the Shema, which speaks of the unity of the _____ all the way back in the beginning of the Law of Moses.

- After the 18 prayers at the synagogue, they would read from the Law and the Prophets. The Law is the first _____ books of the Old Testament, and the Prophets speak of the Old Testament as well.

It was customary for someone in the congregation that day to be _____ to speak during the sermon time of the service.

III. Paul began his sermon. **Acts 13:16-22**

In Christ, the **fear of God** is having _____ for Him. **1 John 4:18**

- After the 40-year _____, the Lord brought His children into Canaan and gave them their inheritance. Because of His love, the Lord will correct His children and bless them as well.

David was a man after God's own heart because he was broken-hearted over his sin, and each time he sinned, he sought the Lord's face and _____.

Proverbs 28:13

IV. Introducing the Messiah. **Acts 13:23-26**

John the Baptist was sent to prepare the hearts of others for the arrival of Jesus. John knew Jesus for who He really was, the Messiah who came to _____ His people from their sin.

- John the Baptist told the people to _____ in the Promised Messiah, the One who would come after him, who was Jesus.

The message of Salvation has been delivered to you, and it demands a response. To disregard the message and not give a response to this truth is actually a _____ of the Gospel.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

- Read **Acts 13:13**. Discuss the possibilities of why John Mark went home and abandoned Barnabas and Paul. *Who or what was to blame for his departure? What can we learn about the restoration and forgiveness between Paul and Mark at the end of Paul's life?*
Acts 15:38-39, 2 Timothy 4:11, Galatians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:13
- Read **Acts 13:14-15**. *What is the significance of Paul and Barnabas speaking first in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch? When Paul was given the opportunity to speak, what did he talk about? How is this similar to or different from a modern-day church service.* Discuss how Paul spoke to them using the Law and the Prophets.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 11:13-21, Numbers 15:37-41, Luke 24:44, Matthew 22:40
- Read **Acts 13:16-22**. *How does Paul's sermon emphasize God's sovereignty and His plan for Israel from the beginning? Why do you think Paul starts by recounting the history of Israel before speaking about Jesus? Why was David considered a man after God's own heart?*
Deuteronomy 7:6-7, Isaiah 41:10, Romans 15:4, Proverbs 28:13, 1 Chronicles 14:16-17, 1 Samuel 15:10-23
- Read **Acts 13:23-26**. Discuss John the Baptist being foretold 800 years before Jesus. *Why did John say he was not worthy to loose the sandals for Jesus? What did Paul mean when he said, "To you this word of salvation has been sent?"*
Isaiah 40:3, Matthew 3:5-6, John 1:19-31, Galatians 3:28-29
- Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
John 1:11-12, 1 John 4:18, Hebrews 3:7-11