

**WELCOME!**  
**Friday Men's Breakfast**

**January 29, 2021**



# The Life of the Apostle Paul

**#3 – “Missionary Journey # 1”**

***Acts 12:24 – 13:12***

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# Main Series Takeaways

## 1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

## Philippians 1:21

For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

## Big Idea:

Paul modeled a life *surrendered* to Jesus Christ for us to follow.

# First Leg of the Journey — Acts 12:34–13:12



# Encounter with Bar-Jesus

Called by two names

V. 6 — Bar-Jesus

Son of Jesus or Joshua or Yeshua ... Son of the Savior

V. 8 — Elymas ... not sure what Elymas means, but some linguists believe it may be derived from an Arabic word meaning “wise” or “learned.”

# Jesus' Confrontation with Religious Leaders

John 8:39–40 — They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

# Jesus' Confrontation with Religious Leaders

John 8:44 — You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

# The Big Idea

Paul imitates Jesus in warning that we can call ourselves children of God and still be children of Satan.



# Syncretism

**Syncretism:** reconciliation of different beliefs

From syn – “together” + second element of uncertain origin meaning that could mean “lying” or “mixture”

# American Founding Ideals

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” –  
– Declaration of Independence

# Jesus on “Life”

- Luke 9:24 — “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (Also: Matt 16:25; Mark 8:35)
- John 14:6 — “I am the way the truth and the life”
- John 11:25 — “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live”

# Jesus on “Liberty”

- John 8:36 Jesus says, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
- Luke 9:23 “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me”

# Jesus on “Happiness”

- John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

# Whose child?

- Matthew 7:21 — Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

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# Discussion Questions

1. What most impacted you in this morning's passage?
2. Do you see any areas of your life where you have allowed other allegiances to displace allegiance to Jesus and His Kingdom as your first priority? ... If yes, what step can you take today to get your allegiances in their rightful priorities?

## Next Week:

Missionary Journey #1 – Pisidian Antioch (*Acts 13:13–31*)



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