



**Title** | First Message  
**Series** | The Church That Changed the World  
**Text** | Acts 13:13-52  
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## Sermon Notes

**Acts 13:13** Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, **14** but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. **15** After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." **16** So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. **17** The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. **18** And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. **19** And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. **20** All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. **21** Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. **22** And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' **23** Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.  
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## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

Acts 13:13-52 contains the apostle Paul's first and longest recorded evangelistic message. Read Acts 13:13-16. To whom is Paul giving his message and how would you expect his message to be adapted to this audience?

### **Tuesday:**

Paul's message in Acts 13 can be divided into three parts: verses 16-25, 26-37, and 38-41. How does each part contribute to what Paul is trying to say? How might this help us in talking to others about Jesus?

### **Wednesday:**

Read Acts 13:38-39. According to these verses, how is a person forgiven and freed from the penalty of sin? How would you respond to someone who might say that sounds too easy?

### **Thursday:**

Read Acts 13:42-52. How do you explain the varying responses to the person and work of Jesus?

### **Friday:**

In talking to others about Jesus, what are some important points to remember in light of Paul's message in Acts 13?

### **Daily Prayer:**

Lord, thank you that my eternal salvation depends not on my goodness or works, but on the person and work of Jesus Christ in whom I place my faith. Amen.