

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga
and came to Antioch in Pisidia.

On the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

When the meeting of the synagogue broke up,

many Jews and devout converts to Judaism

followed Paul and Barnabas,

who spoke to them and urged them

to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered

to hear the word of the Lord.

But when the Jewish officials saw the crowds,

they were filled with jealousy;

and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul.

Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying,

“It was necessary that the word of God

should be spoken first to you.

Since you reject it

and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life,

we are now turning to the Gentiles.

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles,

so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

When the Gentiles heard this,

they were glad and praised the word of the Lord;
and as many as had been destined for eternal life
became believers.

Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region.
But the officials incited the devout women of high standing
and the leading men of the city,
and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas,
and drove them out of their region.

So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them,
and went to Iconium.

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord!

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I, John, looked,

and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

And one of the elders then said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;

they have washed their robes

and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord!

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.”