

# FRIENDS IN THE TRUTH

PAUL'S ENEMIES AND ALLIES – CLASS 1



# WHO WERE PAUL'S CHRISTIAN FRIENDS?



- BARNABAS
- SILAS
- AQUILA & PRISCILLA
- TIMOTHY
- APOLLOS
- TITUS



# BARNABAS – THE ONE WHO COMES ALONG SIDE

ACTS 4:36-37 – JOSEPH BARNABAS

AND **JOSES**, WHO BY THE APOSTLES WAS **SURNAMED BARNABAS**, (WHICH IS, BEING INTERPRETED, THE SON OF CONSOLATION,) A LEVITE, AND OF THE COUNTRY OF CYPRUS, HAVING LAND, SOLD IT, AND BROUGHT THE MONEY, AND LAID IT AT THE APOSTLES' FEET.

Joseph – “the adder” or “increaser”.

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

“consolation” = paraklesis → solace:-- comfort, consolation, exhortation, entreaty.

Acts 15:31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

# BARNABAS THE ENCOURAGER – ACTS 9

- ACTS 9:26 AND WHEN SAUL WAS COME TO JERUSALEM, HE ASSAYED TO JOIN HIMSELF TO THE DISCIPLES: BUT THEY WERE ALL AFRAID OF HIM, AND BELIEVED NOT THAT HE WAS A DISCIPLE.
- 27 BUT BARNABAS TOOK HIM...
- 28-30 AND HE [SAUL] WAS WITH THEM COMING IN AND GOING OUT AT JERUSALEM. AND HE SPAKE BOLDLY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, AND DISPUTED AGAINST THE GRECIANS: BUT THEY WENT ABOUT TO SLAY HIM. WHICH WHEN THE BRETHREN KNEW, THEY BROUGHT HIM DOWN TO CAESAREA, AND SENT HIM FORTH TO TARSUS.
- 31 THEN HAD THE ECCLESIAS REST THROUGHOUT ALL JUDAEA AND GALILEE AND SAMARIA, AND WERE EDIFIED; AND WALKING IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD, AND IN THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WERE MULTIPLIED.



# ORDER OF NAMES – WHO WAS ‘GREATER’?

ACTS 14:12 AND THEY CALLED BARNABAS, JUPITER (ZEUS); AND PAUL, MERCURIUS (HERMES), BECAUSE HE WAS THE CHIEF SPEAKER. KJV (RSV)

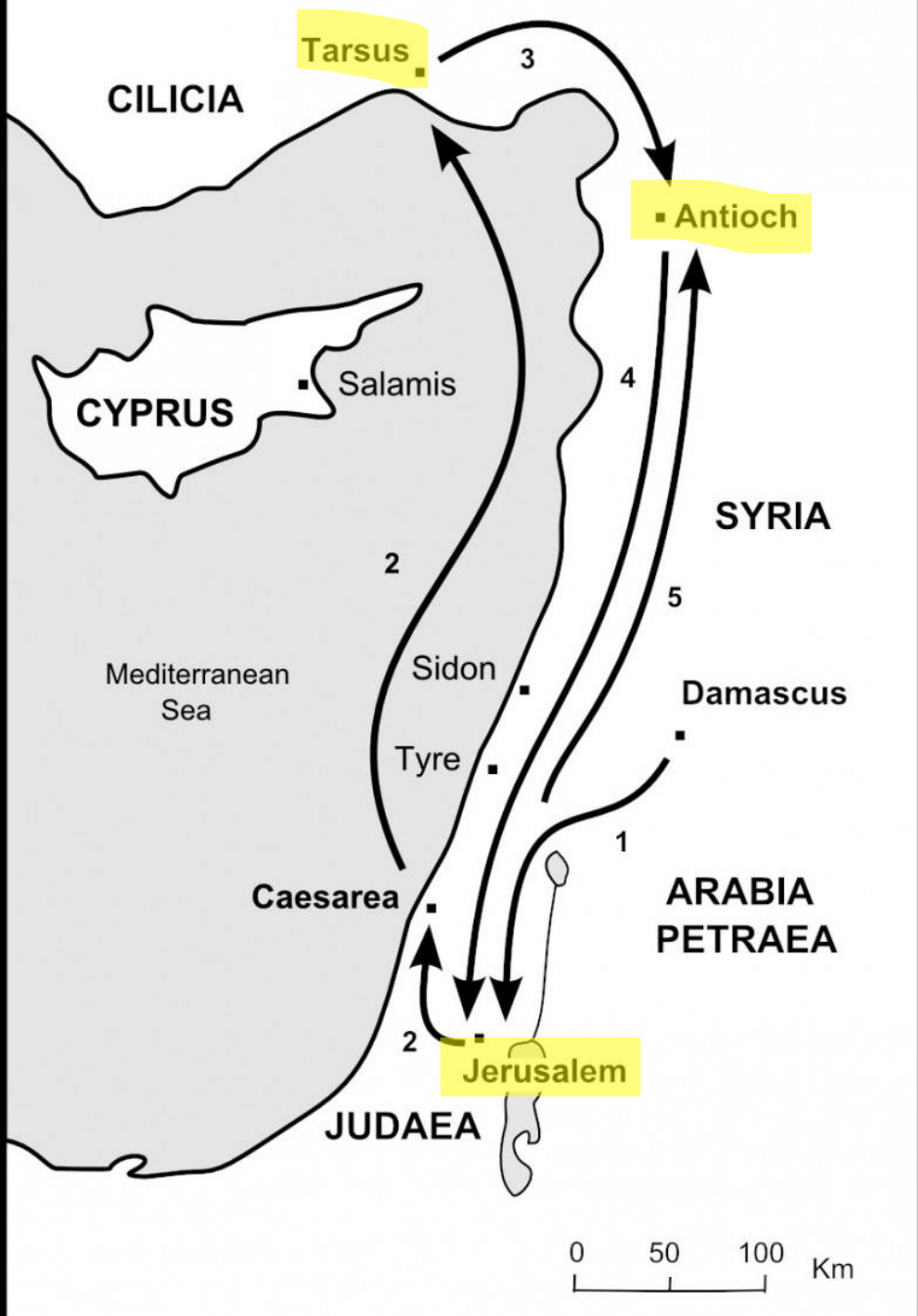
- ZEUS, WAS THE CHIEF DEITY OF THE PANTHEON... IDENTICAL WITH THE ROMAN GOD JUPITER.
- HERMES, WAS THE SON OF ZEUS, IDENTICAL WITH THE ROMAN MERCURY. SOME SAY HE WAS THE MESSENGER OF ZEUS. ([HTTPS://WWW.BRITANNICA.COM](https://www.britannica.com))

NOTE: SAUL’S NAME ‘CHANGED’ TO PAUL IN ACTS 13:9

Barnabas and Saul/Paul	Paul and Barnabas
Acts 11:30; 12:25; 13:2,7; 14:12,14; 15:12,25	Acts 13:43,46,50; 15:2,22,35,36

# BARNABAS THE EXHORTER – ACTS 11

- ACTS 11:22 THEN TIDINGS OF THESE THINGS CAME UNTO THE EARS OF THE ECCLESIA WHICH WAS IN JERUSALEM: AND THEY SENT FORTH BARNABAS, THAT HE SHOULD GO AS FAR AS ANTIOCH.
- 23 WHO, WHEN HE CAME, AND HAD SEEN THE GRACE OF GOD, WAS GLAD, AND **EXHORTED** THEM ALL, THAT WITH PURPOSE OF HEART THEY WOULD CLEAVE UNTO THE LORD.
- 24 FOR HE WAS A GOOD MAN, AND FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST AND OF FAITH: AND **MUCH PEOPLE WAS ADDED** UNTO THE LORD.
- 25 THEN DEPARTED BARNABAS TO TARSUS, FOR TO SEEK SAUL.



1. Paul goes to Jerusalem to meet the leaders of the Christian community in 38AD, but the apostles are afraid of his previous reputation and don't believe he can really be a Spirit-filled disciple. (Acts 9:26-29)

2. The disciples take Paul to Caesarea and send him home to Tarsus by ship. (Acts 9:30) Paul spends the next five years in Tarsus, extending his preaching ministry to the Greek-speaking Jews in Cilicia and Syria. (Galatians 1:21)

3. **Barnabas** takes Paul from Tarsus to Antioch in Syria in 43AD. For a whole year they preach and teach in Antioch. (Acts 11:25-26)

4. **Barnabas** and Paul visit the Jewish believers in Jerusalem with money for famine relief sent by their fellow believers in Antioch (Acts 11:27-30).

5. **Barnabas** and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark. (Acts 12:25)

# CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST IN ANTIOCH

- ACTS 11:26 AND WHEN HE HAD FOUND HIM, HE BROUGHT HIM UNTO ANTIOCH. AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT A WHOLE YEAR THEY ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES WITH THE ECCLESIA, AND TAUGHT MUCH PEOPLE. **AND THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST IN ANTIOCH.**
- 27-29 AND IN THESE DAYS CAME PROPHETS FROM JERUSALEM UNTO ANTIOCH. ... AND SIGNIFIED BY THE SPIRIT THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREAT DEARTH THROUGHOUT ALL THE WORLD: WHICH CAME TO PASS IN THE DAYS OF CLAUDIUS CAESAR. THEN THE DISCIPLES, EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, DETERMINED TO **SEND RELIEF** UNTO THE BRETHREN WHICH DWELT IN JUDAEA:
- 30 WHICH ALSO THEY DID, AND SENT IT TO THE ELDERS **BY THE HANDS OF BARNABAS AND SAUL.**



# BARNABAS THE SEPARATED ONE: ACTS 12&13

- ACTS 12:24 BUT **THE WORD OF GOD GREW AND MULTIPLIED.**
- 25 AND BARNABAS AND SAUL RETURNED FROM JERUSALEM, WHEN THEY HAD FULFILLED THEIR MINISTRY, AND TOOK WITH THEM JOHN, WHOSE SURNAME WAS MARK.
- ACTS 13:2 AS THEY MINISTERED TO THE LORD, AND FASTED, THE HOLY GHOST SAID, **SEPARATE ME BARNABAS AND SAUL** FOR THE WORK WHEREUNTO I HAVE CALLED THEM.
- 3-4 AND WHEN THEY HAD FASTED AND PRAYED, AND LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM, THEY SENT THEM AWAY. SO THEY, BEING SENT FORTH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, DEPARTED UNTO SELEUCIA; AND FROM THENCE THEY SAILED TO **CYPRUS.**

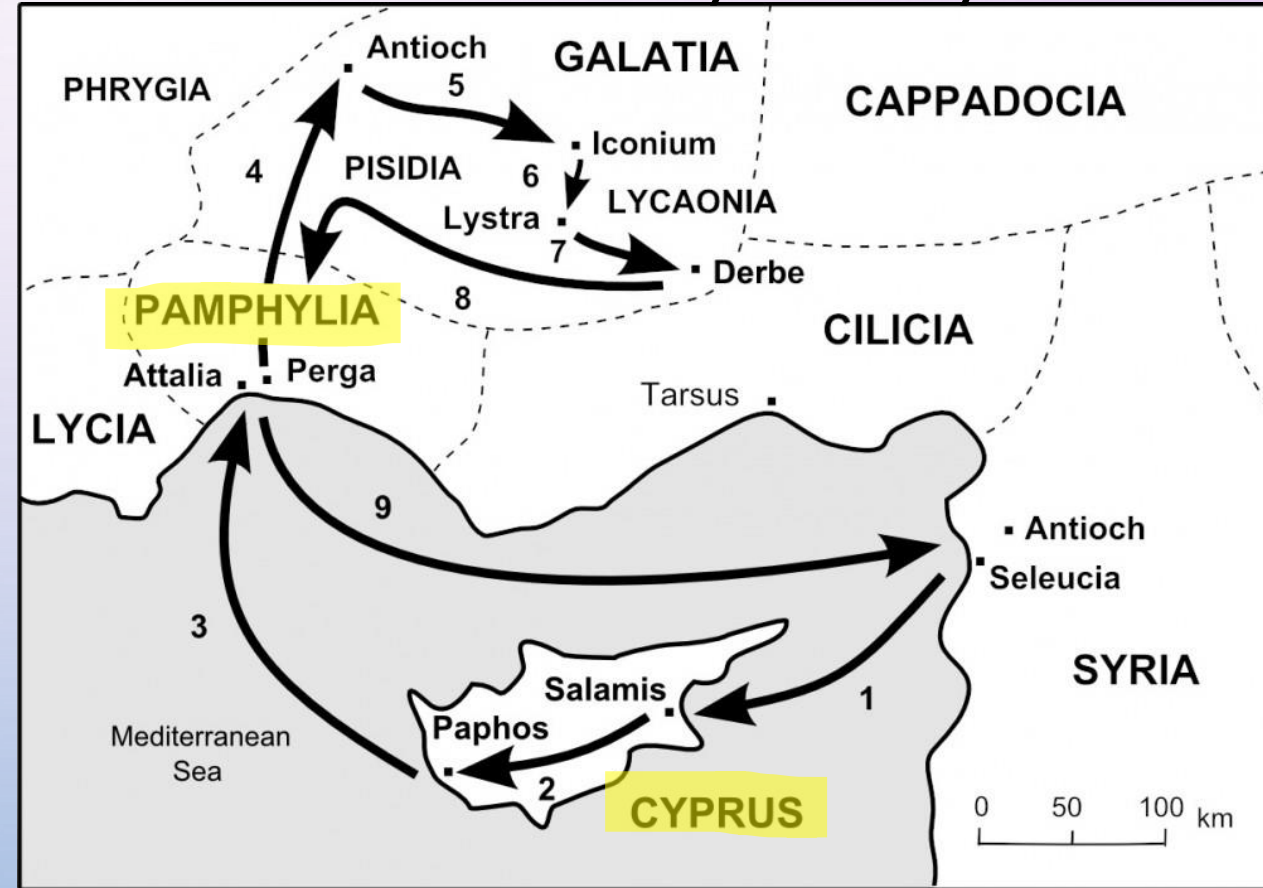
# BARNABAS THE MEDIATOR: ACTS 15

- PAUL AND BARNABAS BRING THE GOOD REPORT OF THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> MISSIONARY JOURNEY! ACTS 14:26-28
- BUT BACK IN ANTIOCH THERE IS ECCLESIAL STRIFE OVER THE NEED FOR GENTILE BELIEVERS TO KEEP THE LAW... OR NOT!
- MANY TESTIMONIES GIVEN (INCLUDING PAUL & BARNABAS)
- A RESOLUTION IS REACHED, AND THE “GOOD NEWS” IS TAKEN TO THE ECCLESIA IN ANTIOCH BY PAUL AND BARNABAS!
- ACTS 15:30 SO WHEN THEY WERE DISMISSED, THEY CAME TO ANTIOCH: AND WHEN THEY HAD GATHERED THE MULTITUDE TOGETHER, THEY DELIVERED THE EPISTLE:
- 31 WHICH WHEN THEY HAD READ, THEY REJOICED FOR THE **CONSOLATION**.

# BARNABAS AND PAUL SEPARATE: ACTS 15:36-41

- ACTS 15:36 AND SOME DAYS AFTER PAUL SAID UNTO BARNABAS, LET US GO AGAIN AND VISIT OUR BRETHREN IN EVERY CITY WHERE WE HAVE PREACHED THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND SEE HOW THEY DO.
- 37 AND BARNABAS DETERMINED TO TAKE WITH THEM JOHN, WHOSE SURNAME WAS MARK.
- 38 BUT PAUL THOUGHT NOT GOOD TO TAKE HIM WITH THEM, WHO DEPARTED FROM THEM FROM **PAMPHYLIA**, AND WENT NOT WITH THEM TO THE WORK.

## First Missionary Journey





# BARNABAS AND PAUL SEPARATE: ACTS 15:36-41

## Second Missionary Journey

- 39 AND THE CONTENTION WAS SO SHARP BETWEEN THEM, THAT THEY DEPARTED ASUNDER ONE FROM THE OTHER: **AND SO BARNABAS TOOK MARK, AND SAILED UNTO CYPRUS;**
- 40-41 AND PAUL CHOSE SILAS, AND DEPARTED, BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE BRETHREN UNTO THE GRACE OF GOD. **AND HE WENT THROUGH SYRIA AND CILICIA,** CONFIRMING THE ECCLESIAS.





# LESSONS FROM JOSEPH BARNABAS!

- WE CAN 'ADD' TO THE FAMILY OF GOD BY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
- WHAT'S YOUR NICKNAME? (REPUTATION!)
- PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH!
- LOOK FOR THE GOOD IN PEOPLE, AND IN LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES.