

## **“You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth” Acts 13:1-28:31**

Some of the Key People:

- Silas – one of the leaders of Jerusalem church and mentioned in Paul’s letters. Silas is Paul’s companion on the second journey to Macedonia (Acts 15:22-18:5).
- Timothy – Already a disciple when Paul meets him and invites him to join the mission in progress, Paul sends Timothy to churches as his representative (Acts 16:1-5).
- Aquila and Priscilla – Sought out by Paul as fellow tentmakers, they work with him and instruct Apollos, who has incomplete information about Jesus, in the Way of God (Acts 18:1-4, 24-28).
- Apollos – A Jew from Alexandria known for his eloquence and knowledge of scriptures. Apollos is recruited for Paul’s mission in Corinth.
- Joseph a Levite – nick-named Barnabas who was an earlier supporter of the Christian community (Acts 4:36). He was sent by church leaders in Jerusalem to Antioch to strengthen the faith. After Paul’s dramatic conversion, the believers were hesitant to take him in because he was formerly a persecutor of the saints. Barnabas took Paul to the apostles and recommended him and accompanied Paul on missionary journeys.
- John Mark was a helper on Paul and Barnabas’ first missionary journey (Acts 13:5). However, he did not stay through the whole trip. John Mark deserted Paul and Barnabas in Pamphylia and left the work (Acts 15:38). After Paul and Barnabas had returned from their first journey. The second missionary journey Barnabas wanted to have John Mark join them again. Paul refused to have Mark on the trip needing someone more dependable. Paul and Barnabas had a “sharp disagreement” about John Mark (verse 39) and wound up separating from each other and going on separate journeys. Barnabas took John Mark with him to Cyprus, and Paul took Silas with him through Syria and Cilicia to encourage the believers in the churches in those areas (Acts 15:39–41).