



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

“Hostility Serves His Purposes”

ACTS 12 – 14:28

MAIN POINT: GOD USES HOSTILITY TO SERVE HIS UNSTOPPABLE PLAN.

I. Hostility Continues in Jerusalem (12:1-24)

II. Hostility Comes to Paul and Barnabas (13:4-14:23)

- A. Cyprus
- B. Antioch Pisidia
- C. Iconium
- D. Lystra
- E. Derbe

III. Application

Application Questions:

- 1) How did the early church interpret hostility by others towards the Gospel? How did this understanding serve to sustain them in their participation in God's unstoppable plan?
- 2) What kind of “hostility” or opposition to the Gospel have you experienced in the past? Are you currently experiencing opposition?
- 3) When you pray in the midst of hostility or opposition to the Gospel, what do you pray for? Why? How might your prayers be broadened as a result of understanding Scripture?
- 4) What hostility was Paul more aware of: his past hostility towards God or his current experience with others during the 1st missionary journey? What difference did it make in his life?
- 5) How is God using hostility or opposition in your life right now? Is Christ increasingly becoming your treasure? Why or why not?

Prayer: Take time to pray for one another that we would be lovers of the Gospel and sharers of it with others.