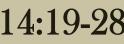
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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 14:19-28



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²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. ²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

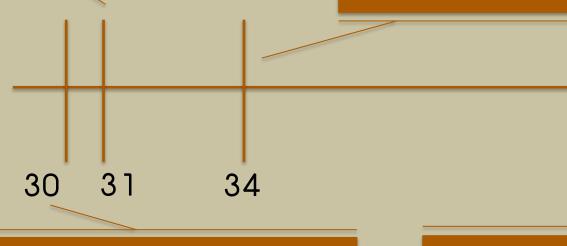
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• SAUL PERSECUTES
CHRISTIANS

- SAUL ENCOUNTERS
 CHRIST ON THE ROAD
 TO DAMASCUS
- Peter raises Dorcas from the dead



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- CHRIST RISES FROM THE DEAD
- CHRIST ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN
- HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON THE APOSTLES
- PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

- KING HEROD HAS JAMES EXECUTED
- An angel rescues Peter from prison

Paul's
First
Missionary
Journey



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EXHORTATION: moves you to apply facts



DOCTRINE OF UNFULFILLMENT

Romans 8:23

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:17

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...



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1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!



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Application

How can we be persistent; fueled by grace?

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