

How to Shake Up a City

(Acts 13:42-52)

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered . . .
Acts 13:44 (NIV)

Review: Paul's message in Acts 13:13-41 is the catalyst for what we find in the remaining verses of this chapter.

Content of the message:

1. _____
(vv. 17-22)
2. _____
(vv. 23-31)
3. _____
(vv. 32-37)
4. _____
(vv. 38-39)
5. _____
(vv. 40-41)

There is a _____ that belongs to the message.

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. Acts 13:44 (NIV)

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly, "We had to speak the word of God to you first." Acts 13:46 (NIV)

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord. Acts 13:48 (NIV)

The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region. Acts 13:49 (NIV)

There is a _____ that is caused by the message.

Don't think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I came to bring trouble, not peace. I came to turn sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law. Your worst enemies will be in your own family. Matthew 10:34-36 (CEV)

Contrast 1:

When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. v. 45

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord. v. 48

Contrast 2:

Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. v. 46

And all who were appointed for eternal life believed. v. 48

Contrast 3:

But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their region. v. 50

And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. v. 52

There is a _____ that comes with the message.

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." v. 47

There is a _____ that must accompany the message.

So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. v. 51

There is an ultimate _____ that will be fulfilled through the message.

The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. v. 49

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 (NIV)