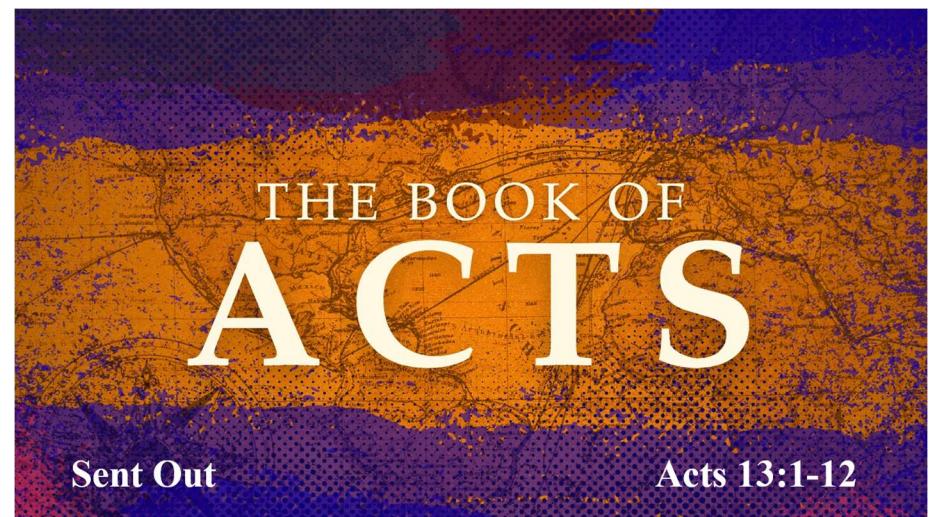


Vs. 12 – God Saves

1. What ultimately led Sergius Paulus to believe—the miracle, the message, or both?
2. Why is it significant that the text emphasizes his amazement at *the teaching of the Lord*?
3. How do verses like Acts 4:12 and John 14:6 challenge cultural ideas about many paths to salvation?
4. Who in your life might God be placing near you so they can hear the gospel?
5. What practical step can you take this week to live more intentionally on mission for Christ

Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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First

Read Acts 13:1-12 – God spoke clearly to the church in Antioch and to Saul and Barnabas that they were to be sent out as missionaries. These verses make clear that God is the one who calls, sends, and empowers believers as they live on mission for Christ.

Vs. 1-2 – God Calls

1. What stands out to you about the environment in which God spoke to the church in Antioch (worshiping, fasting, praying)?
2. Why is it significant that the Holy Spirit initiated the call rather than the church leaders deciding on their own?
3. In the message both **general calling** (all believers) and **specific calling** (certain people) were mentioned. How do you see both at work in your own life?
4. What dangers arise when someone is “self-appointed” rather than clearly called and affirmed by God and the church?
5. How can the church (other believers) help individuals discern whether a calling is truly from God?

Vs. 3-5 – God Sends

1. What role did the church play in sending Barnabas and Saul—and what role did the Holy Spirit play?

2. Why is it important to see mission sending as a **partnership between God and the local church**, rather than one or the other?
3. How does prayer, fasting, and laying on of hands help remind it that it is God who sends?
4. John Mark began as an assistant. Why is it encouraging that not everyone starts in a leading role?
5. Have you ever experienced God sending you somewhere? Describe what happened and how you knew God was sending you.

Vs. 6-11 – God Empowers

1. What forms of opposition did Paul and Barnabas face in Cyprus?
2. Why do you think spiritual opposition often arises when the gospel is being clearly proclaimed?
3. Why is it important to remember that boldness in ministry comes from being *filled with the Holy Spirit*, not personal confidence?
4. How does this moment echo Paul’s own conversion experience on the road to Damascus?
5. What does Acts 1:8 teach us about the purpose of the Holy Spirit’s power in our lives

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