

An Adventurous Trip

It wasn't long before I set off on my new adventure. Some followers of Jesus asked me to travel around telling people about him. I set out with a friend called Barnabas. It was now that people started calling me Paul (a Greek name) instead of Saul (a Jewish name)!



Rich Romans sometimes went around in horse-drawn carriages.

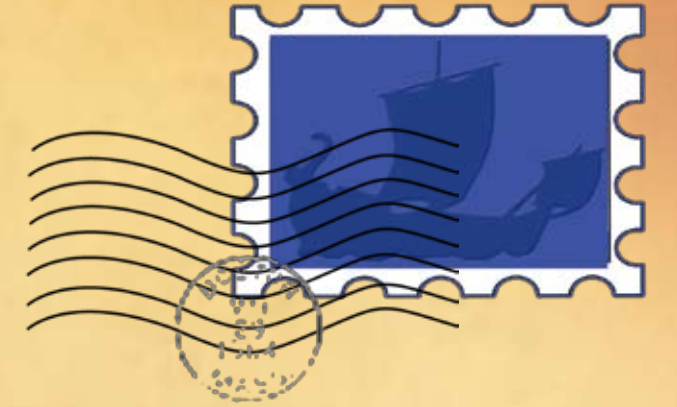
First we sailed to the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean. Then we sailed north to Asia Minor (the country we now call Turkey). We visited many places, telling people that Jesus is alive. Lots of them believed and decided to follow Jesus.

At a town called Iconium many people started to believe – both Jews and non-Jews.

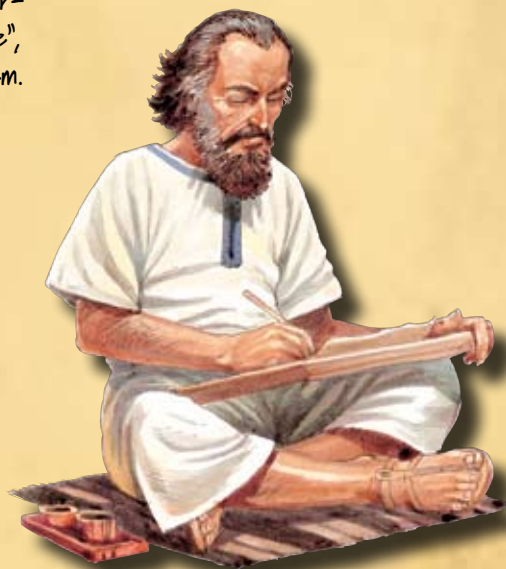
A Roman merchant ship.



To Followers of Jesus Asia Minor



Many people could not read and write in Paul's time. They would pay a letter-writer, or "scribe", to write for them.



But some of the Jews at Iconium got angry with us – especially because we talked about Jesus to non-Jews – so we had to escape to another town.

Sometimes people were healed too. In a place called Lystra the people were so impressed that they thought we were Greek gods. They tried to worship us. We had to explain that the One God had done the healing – not us. After we had visited lots of towns and tramped across many miles of country, we sailed back to the great city of Antioch, in modern Syria, where we started our journey.

We made lots of new friends on our trip – and some now believed in Jesus. But then I heard

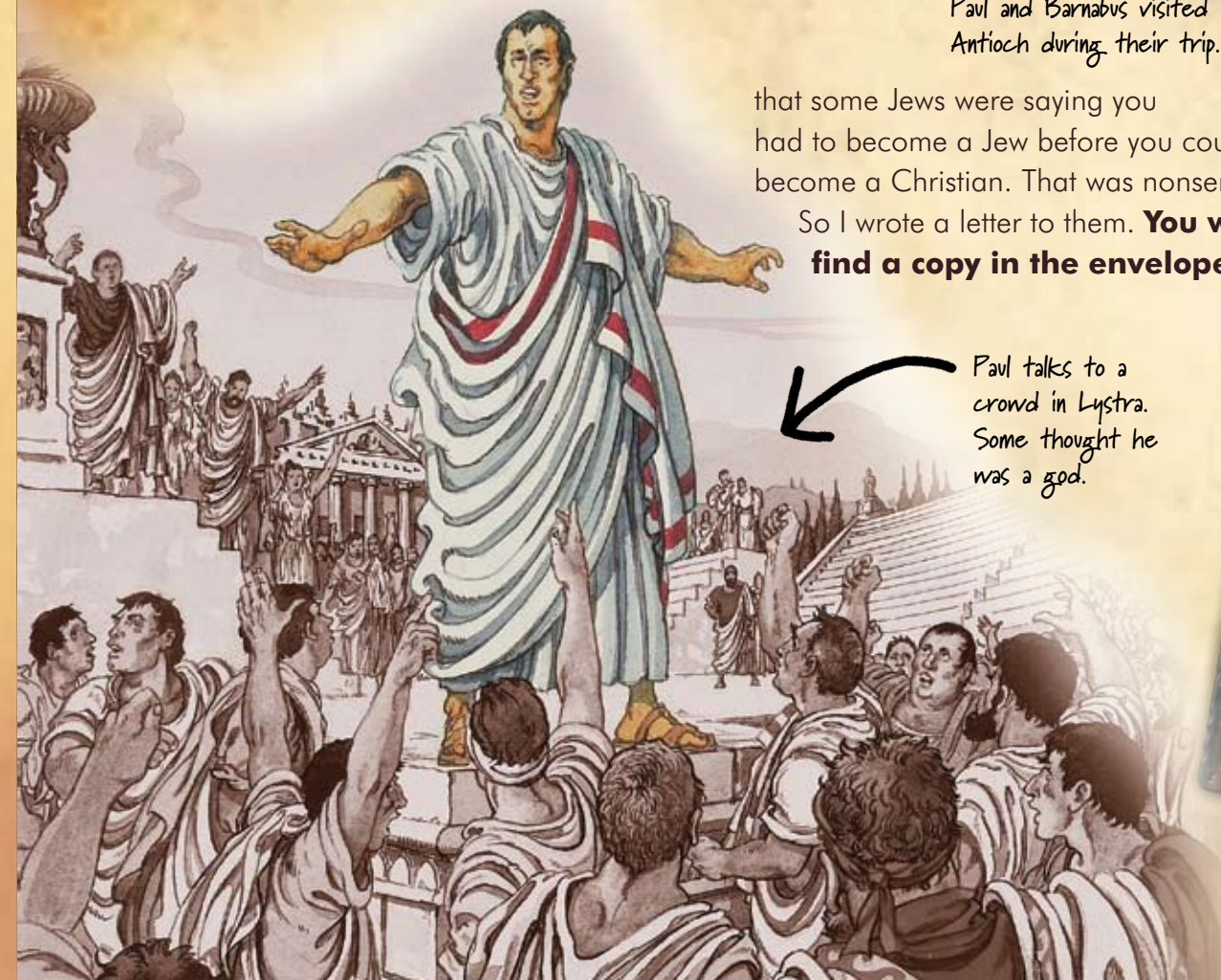
Paul and Barnabas landed at the port of Attalia (modern Antalya) in Asia Minor (modern Turkey).



Paul and Barnabas visited Antioch during their trip.

that some Jews were saying you had to become a Jew before you could become a Christian. That was nonsense! So I wrote a letter to them. **You will find a copy in the envelope.**

Paul talks to a crowd in Lystra. Some thought he was a god.



FACTS

Paul the letter-writer

Wherever he went, Paul and his friends preached and formed groups of believers in Jesus. After Paul left, he needed to tell these people more about Jesus and how to live as Christians. So he often wrote to these believers – both Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Sometimes Paul had to put people right, sometimes cheer them up if they were having a hard time. Thirteen of Paul's letters are preserved in our Bible today. Look in the contents page of your Bible. Can you list them?