

## **Treated as Gods**

### **Acts 14**

#### Goals for Today:

- 1) To look at the human tendency to view certain charismatic leaders as “gods”.
- 2) To consider the humble way Paul and Barnabas dealt with the power given to them.
- 3) To understand how quickly people can change their minds about whom they idolize.

Paul had many interesting experiences on his journeys. What about you? Looking back at this past week, how has your journey been?

- Did the trail seem so steep that you wished you would have turned and went back?
- What beauty did you experience this week that made it worthwhile?
- Whom did you meet that made your journey enjoyable?
- What did you learn this week that will help you continue on your journey?

#### Bible Study:

- 1) Acts 4: 8-10 Consider what “spiritual disabilities” you have at this point in your life. Do you have faith that God can heal you?
- 2) Acts 14:11-15 Have you made peace with the fact that you are only human?
- 3) Acts 14:16-18 How has God shown His kindness to you? Have you thanked Him?
- 4) Acts 14:19-20 When the world has seemingly turned against you, who has been there to help you pick up the pieces?
- 5) Acts 14:21-22 What hardships are you experiencing because you are seeking the Kingdom of God?
- 6) Acts 14:23-25 Is your trust truly in the Lord?
- 7) Acts 14:26-28 For whom can you “open the door of faith”?

Why was the crowd that had previously proclaimed Paul and Barnabas as gods so quickly persuaded to stone them?

#### Life Change:

- 1) Let people be people...they are not God!!!
- 2) Turn to the one and only God!
- 3) Accept Pastor's and Church Leaders as persons with weaknesses and flaws!

Next Week: Dealing With Old Laws Acts 15...