

PLOT TWIST

When God Surprises His People

Part 6: *The Church with Beautiful Feet*

As we come to Acts 13, we reach another moment which could be called one of the hinges of history. Here we find the pattern for all Christian witness in any culture, in any era of history.

~ Ray C. Stedman
God's Unfinished Book

There must have been much more work to be done in Antioch. But God asked the church to release their key leaders for missions. To their credit the church did so, with no apparent hesitation. That is how important missions and obedience to the Spirit were.

~ Ajith Fernando
The NIV Application Commentary

Thus began a radically new policy for Christian missions: the legitimacy of Gentile Christians' expression of their faith in Jesus apart from Jewish lifestyle or any distinctive Jewish practices. The church would never be the same again.

~ Richard N. Longenecker,
The Expositor's Bible Commentary

Here we see Paul beginning to fulfill the mission of Israel outlined by the prophet Isaiah – being a light to the Gentiles.

~ F. Scott Spencer, *Journeying through Acts:
A Literary-Cultural Reading*

God has only one son and he was a missionary.
~ David Livingstone

When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

~ Acts 13:12 (TNIV)