



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE®

Acts 13 – 26 Sermon Series

Supports Session 2: The Task

Sermon Title: “The Gospel for All” (Acts 13:44-49)

### Connection to Session 2

The gospel is for all, whether Jew or Gentile. All are invited to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

### Introduction/Opening

It’s the dread of almost every kid. Once kids gather to play on a ballfield, teams must be chosen. And no one, absolutely no one, wants to be picked last. Even worse, however, is when there’s no room for anyone new to play. And when that happens, they’re left out. They simply watch the game being played without them.

Thankfully, the gospel is for everyone. No one is left out of the invitation to receive Jesus. But how did this come about? And if this is the case, why delay? Today we will see how the gospel is for all.

### Outline

#### 1. The Gospel for the Jews (Acts 13:42-45)

- a. They are a part of God’s big story.
  - i. The gospel message is seen in the Old Testament.
    1. Genesis 3:15 is known as the protoevangelium, or “first good news.”
    2. In Genesis 12:1-3 we learn of God’s plan to bless the world through Abraham.
    3. In Exodus 12:21-22 we read of the blood that stood against death.
    4. In Isaiah 53:5-6 the Messiah’s death is predicted.
  - ii. The Jews were without a doubt part of God’s gospel work in the world.
- b. They need to hear God’s gospel.
  - i. Paul and Barnabas made sure to go to the Jews with the good news of Jesus Christ.
  - ii. Their usual practice was to go to the synagogue in towns they visited.
    1. The Jews knew the Word and could receive Paul’s teachings.
    2. The Jews could take this gospel to others.

#### 2. The Gospel for the Gentiles (Acts 13:46-49)

- a. The gospel was rejected by some Jews.
  - i. They were jealous of the crowds.
  - ii. They argued with Paul.

- iii. They reviled him.
- b. Paul responded.
  - i. The gospel is for Gentiles, too.
  - ii. Paul would be “a light for the Gentiles to bring salvation to the end of the earth” (13:47).
- c. The blessed response of the Gentiles.
  - i. “When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and honored the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed” (13:48).
  - ii. The gospel advanced, spreading “through the whole region” (13:49).
  - iii. This takes us to the last truth: the gospel is for you.

### **3. The Gospel is for You**

- a. This gospel is for the Jews, yes, the Gentiles, yes, but it is also for you.
- b. The Bible teaches:
  - i. All have sinned (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
  - ii. Who Jesus is (John 1:14; Gal. 4:4)
  - iii. What Jesus did (John 19:30; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 4:4-5)
  - iv. How we can come to Him (Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:9-10,13)

### **Conclusion**

The gospel is for the Jews. It is for the Gentiles. And since it is for both the Jews and the Gentiles, it is obviously for all. And all means *all*, including you. If you have not received Christ, today can be the day of your salvation.

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