Living Water Part 29 Acts 14:7-24

The Title Of The Message: "Mistaken Identity"

The Key Word: Preaching

The Thought: A mistaken identity can open doors for the gospel to be preached, but you must stand on truth.

The Breakdown:

Verses 7-12 When They Think Your Something You're Not...

Verses 13-19 The Cost Of Pointing People To Jesus...

Verses 20-28 Finishing What You Start...

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Acts 14:7

They were preaching the gospel...

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received, freely give."

Acts 14:8-10

In Lystra a certain man without strength...

F.F.Bruce said this, "That this lame man had faith was made plain by his ready obedience to Paul's command to stand up."

Luke 17:6 (NKJV) ... "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Acts 14:11-12

Now when the people saw what Paul had done...

Verses 13-19 The Cost Of Pointing People To Jesus...

Acts 14:13-17

Then the priest of Zeus...

Men, why are you doing these things?

"turn from these useless things to the living God"

"useless."

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

The living God...

2 Corinthians 4:1–2 (NKJV) 1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Nevertheless...

Acts 14:18

And with these sayings...

1 Thessalonians 2:3–5

Verses 19-28 Finishing What You Start...

Acts 14:19-20

Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there...

"a society of bodies voluntarily bereaving themselves of reason."
-Emerson

Psalm 9:10 (NKJV) And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

However...

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him...

Hebrews 11:32-35

Acts 14:21-22

When they had preached the gospel...

"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God"

Romans 8:16-18

Acts 14:23-24

So when they had appointed elders in every church...

"Continuance is proof of true faith in Jesus Christ." -Warren Wiersbe

Acts 14:25-28

Now when they had preached...

"Commended" = "Entrust"

Application:

- 1. The Christian relies on the Lord and goes to great lengths to point people to Jesus.
- 2. When we point people to Jesus there will be times that we will suffer for it.
- 3. Jesus has entrusted us with the ministry of the gospel.