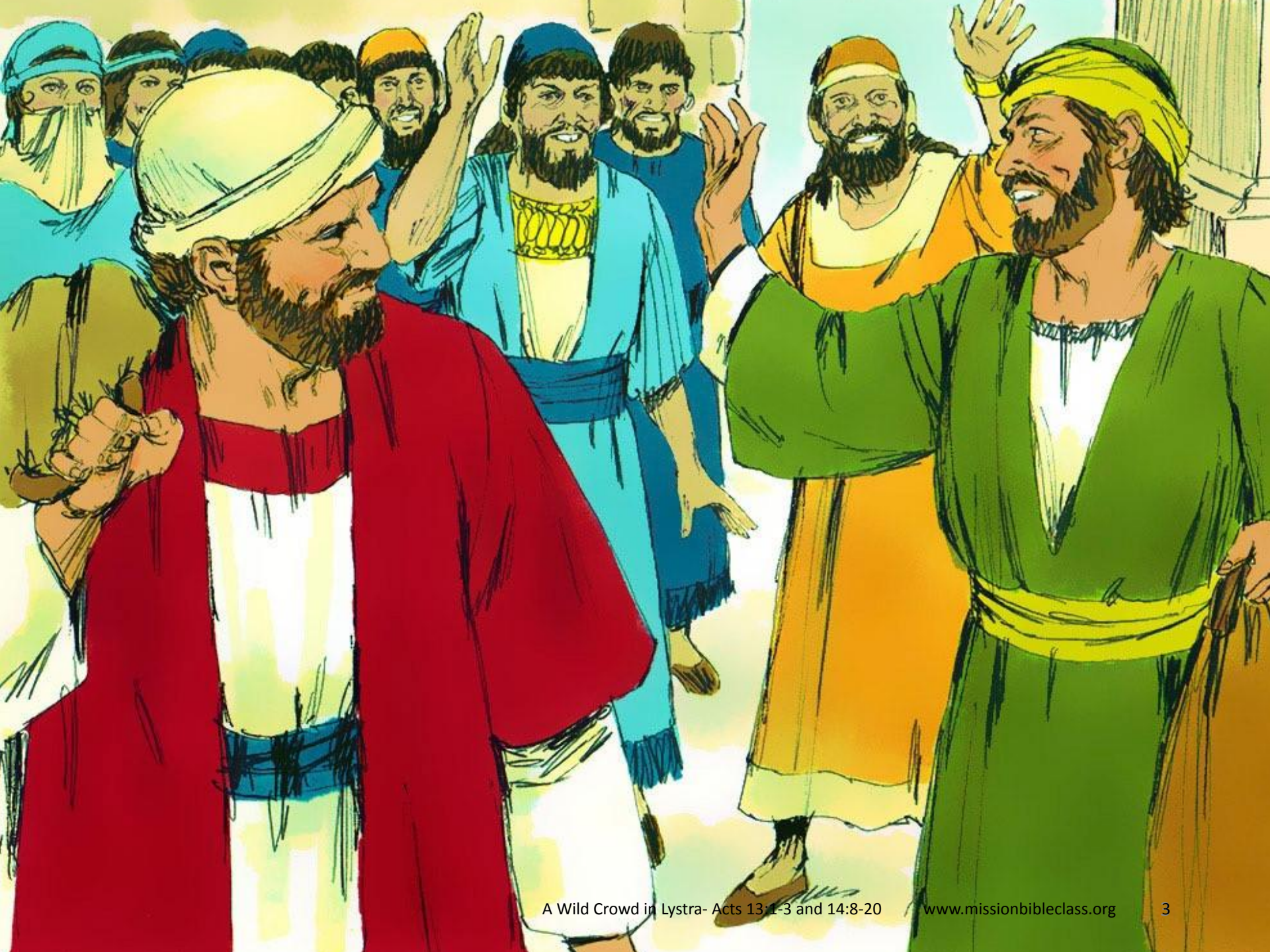




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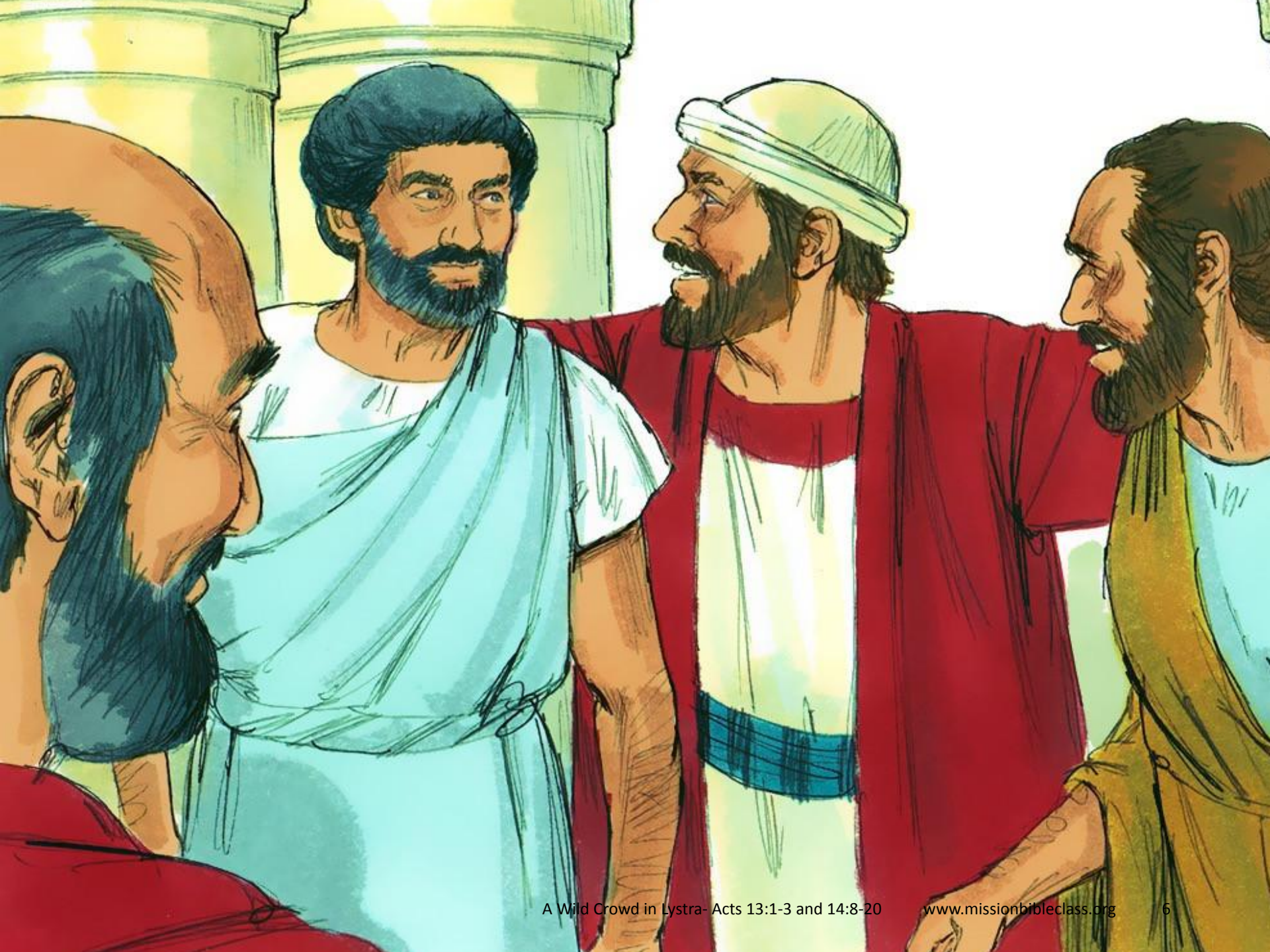
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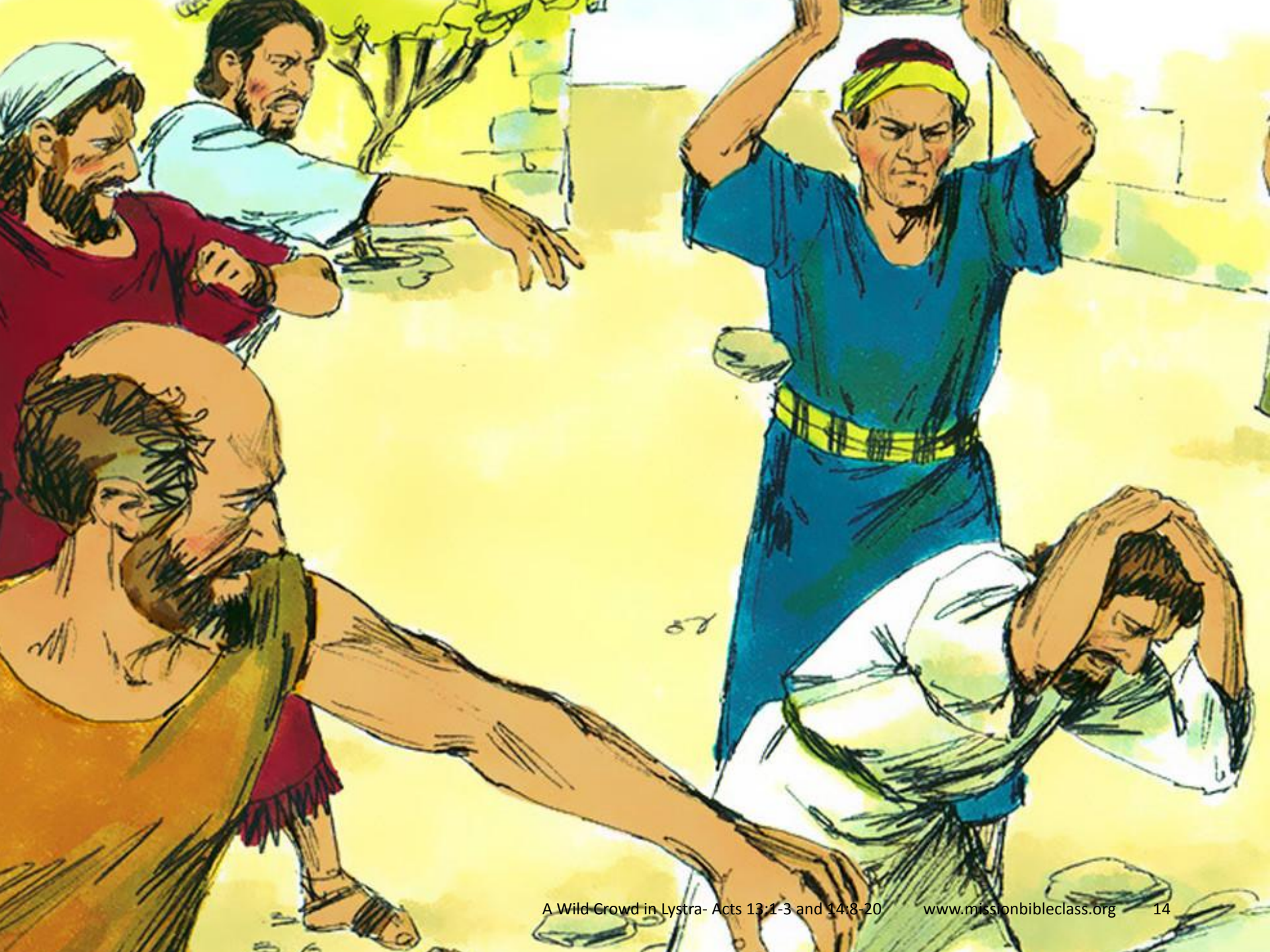


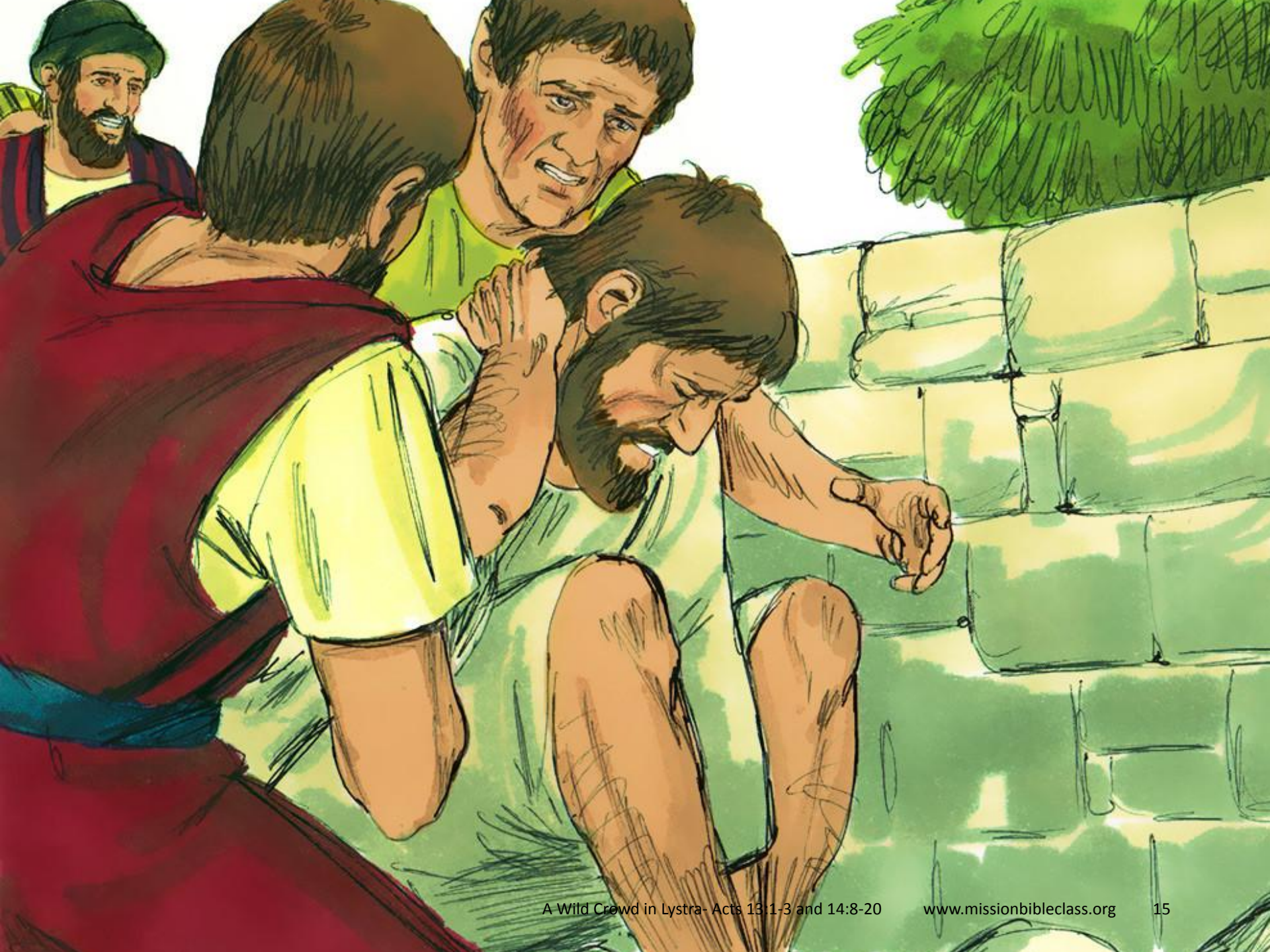














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1. Cover: The Crowd Goes Wild in Lystra (Acts 14:8-20)

2. Once, when the people in the church at Antioch were praying and worshipping God, they heard the voice of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit told them to send Barnabas and Paul to be missionaries. Many people in other places needed missionaries to come to them and tell them the good news about Jesus.

3. To show that they agreed with the Holy Spirit's instructions, the leaders of the Antioch church placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul to bless them. Then, they sent them off on a ship for their first missionary journey.

4. The first stop on the journey was the island of Cyprus.

5. Barnabas' cousin, John Mark, helped them for a while but later left them.

6. Some people on the island of Cyprus did not listen to Barnabas and Saul, and some got angry, but many others began believing in Jesus.

7. Saul had two names. SAUL was his Jewish name, and PAUL was his Roman name. From this time onward, Saul became known as Paul

8. From Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas left the island and sailed on a ship to the mainland. This part of the world was called "Asia Minor," and there were many places to do missionary work.

9. Again, some people believed Paul and Barnabas' words, and others did not. Some leaders became so angry they made Paul and Barnabas leave their city. The same thing happened in the next place they went, Iconium. Some leaders in Iconium were so angry that they made a plan to mistreat them and stone them.

10. But Paul and Barnabas did not stop preaching about Jesus. They went to the city of Lystra and began talking about Jesus there. A man who could not walk overheard what they were saying and began to have faith.

11. By the power of Jesus, Paul healed the man. The man stood up and walked! Everyone was amazed.

12. But the problem was that people were excited about the wrong thing! Instead of glorifying God and Jesus, they began worshipping Paul and Barnabas because they believed they were gods. More and more people started worshipping Paul and Barnabas just like they had worshipped the other idols in their city. The crowd even called them the names of their gods, Hermes and Zeus.

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13. This was terrible! Paul and Barnabas tried telling the people to stop calling them gods. There is only one God! He made the world and everything in the world.

But the people did not stop and think. They just listened to what everyone else was saying.

If EVERYONE in a crowd is screaming and yelling and saying something is true, does that mean it is true? No! Because many people say something is true, it doesn't make it accurate. An entire crowd can be wrong.

This crowd was wrong! Paul and Barnabas were not gods. There is only one true God. Paul and Barnabas were just men.

While all this was happening, some angry Jewish leaders from the other places Paul and Barnabas had visited came and joined the crowd. These men only made the problem worse. They kept talking and talking about how BAD Paul and Barnabas were.

Remember how the crowd of people started saying Paul and Barnabas were gods? Now the crowd began believing the Jewish leaders and started shouting how BAD Paul and Barnabas were.

14. No one was thinking for themselves! They just got angrier. They became so angry that they dragged Paul out of town and stoned him until they thought he was dead. After that, they just left him there.

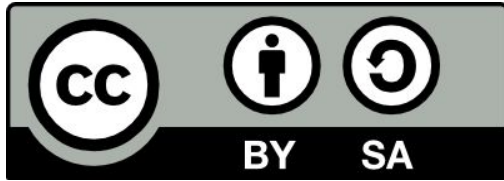
But some people did not follow the crowd. They believed what Paul had been saying about Jesus. They thought Paul was dead and gathered around him.

15. At this time, something amazing happened. While they gathered, Paul stood up and walked into the city again.

16. Paul and Barnabas continued to teach people in other cities about Jesus. Many churches began because of the missionary work of Paul and Barnabas. When Paul and Barnabas would visit these churches later, they appointed elders for the churches. Wise leaders would help the churches become stronger.

17. Finally, it was time to sail back home to Antioch.

18. When they arrived, they gathered the church to tell them everything God had done through them on this First Missionary Journey. They were glad to be home but knew others needed to hear about Jesus. There would be other missionary journeys in the future.



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