

PAUL'S SERMON AT ANTIOCH

Intro: Many sermons were preached in the first century. Only a few are recorded for our benefit. So we can just imagine how good these are. Paul's sermon (Acts 13:16-41) before the synagogue in Antioch is a great example. I call it rebellion, rejection, regeneration, and release.

I) Rebellion - vs.17-21

- A) Although God had taken good care of them - v.17-20
- 1) Jehovah is a loving God - Jn 3:16
- 2) Jehovah is patient - 2 Pet 3:9
- B) But they wanted someone else to take care of them, a king - 1 Sam 8:5

II) Regeneration - vs.22-26

- A) Raised up a man after His own heart to be their king and to do His will
- 1) bringing the people back to God and life
- B) Raised up a Savior from David
- C) John preached baptism of repentance (return) - Mk 1:1-4

III) Rejection - vs.27-29

- A) Jews reject the salvation so graciously extended to them - 1 Pet 2:4,7
- B) Ignored the signs and prophecies - Mt 12:38
- C) Crucified an innocent man - Acts 2:36

IV) Restoration - vs.30-37

- A) Jesus by raising Him from the dead - 1 Cor 15:17-20
- B) Without decay, unlike David, and never to die again

V) Release - vs.38-41

- A) Forgiveness is proclaimed - Lk 24:47
- B) Freedom from sin - Jn 8:31,32; Rom 6:7,18
- C) Which the Law of Moses could not do - Rom 8:3

Concl: There is another rejection to notice - vs.46,47 - God rejects the Jews from being His people and has called the Gentiles - Mt 21:42