

Acts.

Paul's First Missionary Journey

- + Cyprus
- + Paphos
- + Pisidian Antioch
- + Iconium
- + Lystra
- + Derbe



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While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me **Barnabas and Saul** for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

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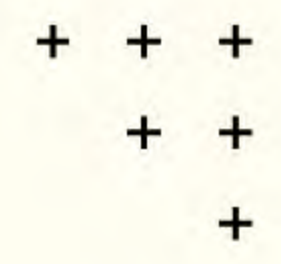
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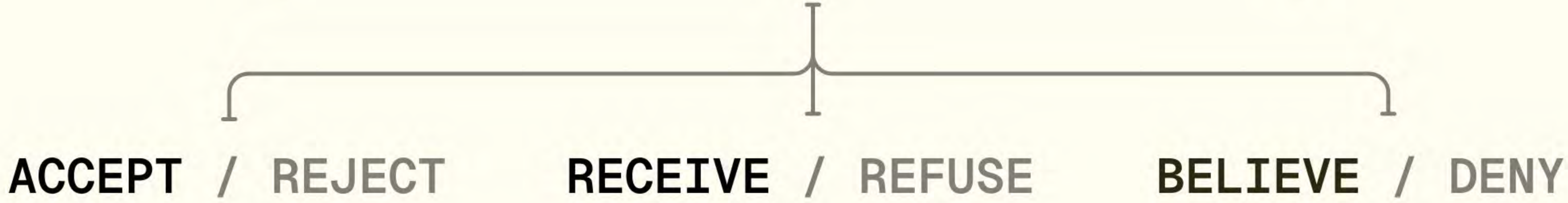
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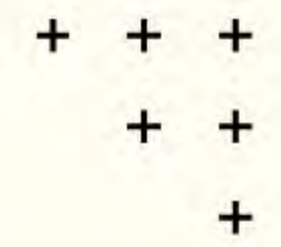
When the gospel message is present:

- + Expect revival**
- + Expect rejection**



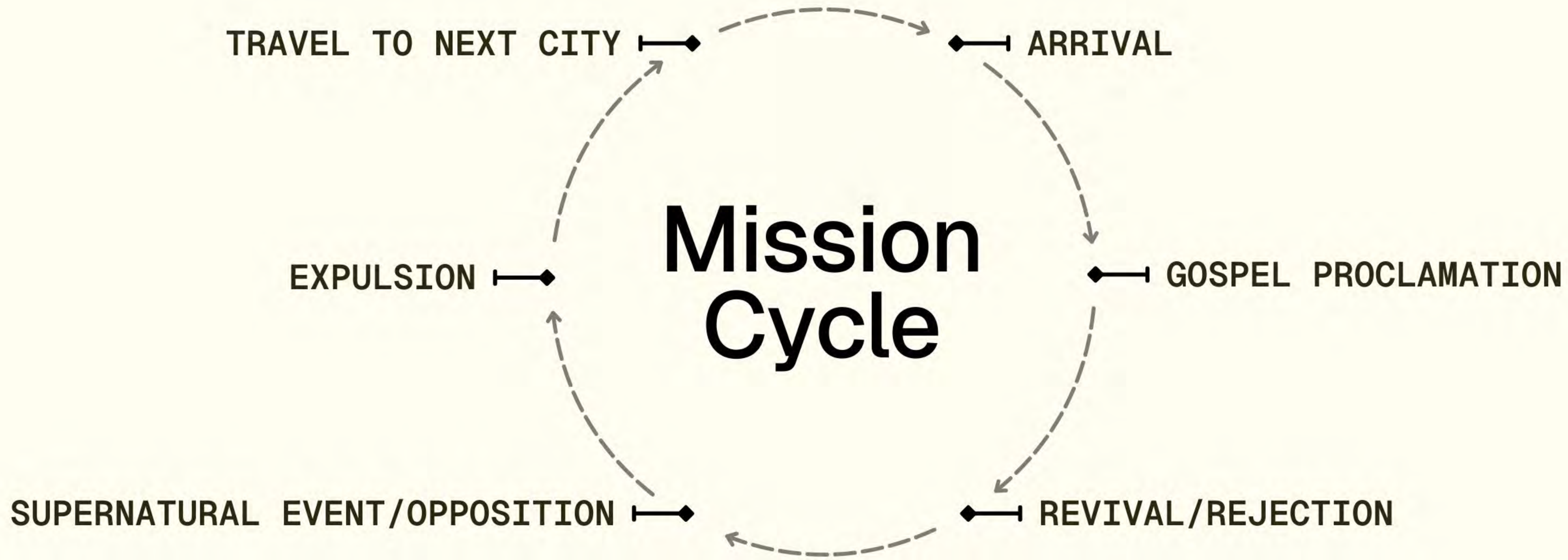
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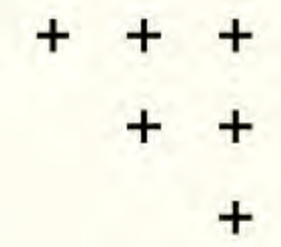




There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them.⁶ But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country,⁷ where they continued to preach the gospel.

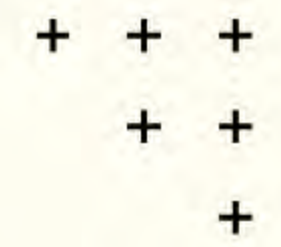
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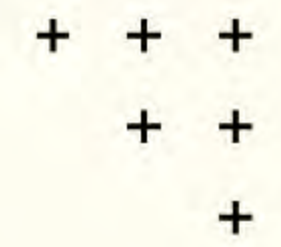
In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

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When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

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But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:
¹⁵ “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you.”

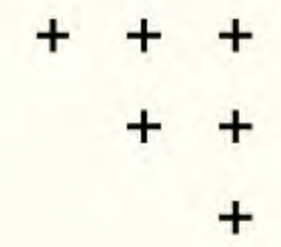
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“We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the **living** God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by **giving** you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

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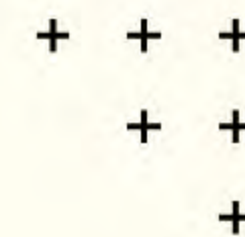


Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

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**“Man’s chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy Him forever.”**

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