

Act 14:1 In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.

It's about 80 miles from Pisidean Antioch to Iconium.



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Although synagogues existed a long time before the destruction of the 2nd Temple in 70 BC, communal worship during the time the Temple still stood centered around the *korbanot* ("sacrificial offerings") brought by the *kohanim* ("priests") in the Holy Temple

Act 14:6 they became aware of it  
and fled to the cities of Lycaonia,  
Lystra and Derbe, and the  
surrounding region; (7) and there  
they continued to preach the  
gospel.

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Lyaconia is the district. Lystra is 18 miles, Derbe is 30 miles further on.

Act 14:9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well,

Whose faith made the man well?  
Did he have to have faith to be made well?

Act 3:5 And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. (6) But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene--walk!" (7) And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

Joh 9:10 So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?" (11) He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."

to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. (14) But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out (15) and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. (16) "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; (17) and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and

The same nature --Act 17:24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, ... (26) and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ... we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. (30) "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

Acts 14.16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; (17) and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

God established a self-sustaining earth which provides for mankind, whether or not they serve Him!

Act 14:19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. (20) But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

No miracle here, as they “supposed” him to be dead – evidently comatose but he came to. The methods of defining death were poor at that time.

Act 14:21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, (22) strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." (23) When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

They appointed “elders” in every city as each city had a church (See Tit1.5)

Is there any reason to suspect that they would not have met the qualifications of Tit 1 and 1Tim 3?

## The elder's purpose

Jer 3:14 ...And I will bring you to Zion.' (15)

"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; (13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith,

What documents might they have left with the elders?

The gospels of Matthew or John

2Tim 3.14-15; Jn 1.17; Heb 9.22; 1Pet 3.21 Acts  
16.1; Lk 1.1-2

Although some think the elders were endowed with spiritual gifts by Paul, nothing is said about this and at this time they were still following the LOM.

Act 14:24 They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. (25) When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. (26) From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

Act 14:27 When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. (28) And they spent a long time with the disciples.

This shows that a report from a missionary is proper for the church.

We do not know the time interval spent while the troubles of Acts 15 are brewing.