

Acts 11:19-30; 12:25; 13:1-5

Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

Readings this week:

S	Acts 4:32-37
M	Acts 11:19-30
T	Acts 12:25 – 13:3
W	Colossians 4:1-10
Th	Hebrews 10:22-25
F	2 Corinthians 5:11 – 21; 6:1
S	1 Corinthians 3:6 – 9

The work of spreading the Gospel was a joint effort between a team of people who loved God and wanted to continue the work Jesus had started while he was on the earth. Today we are going to look at the work Saul did with Barnabas. Look at Acts 11:19-30. How do you think Saul and Barnabas felt about working with each other? Talk about your ideas then draw thought bubbles to record the thoughts you think they may have had.

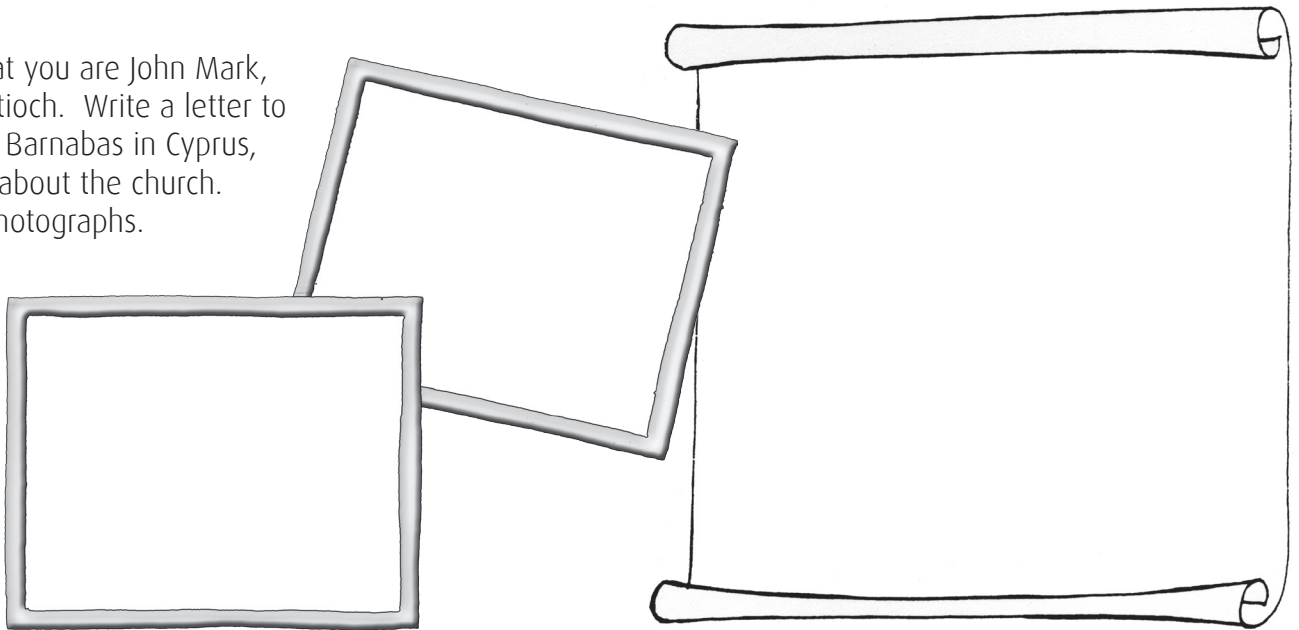


Saul



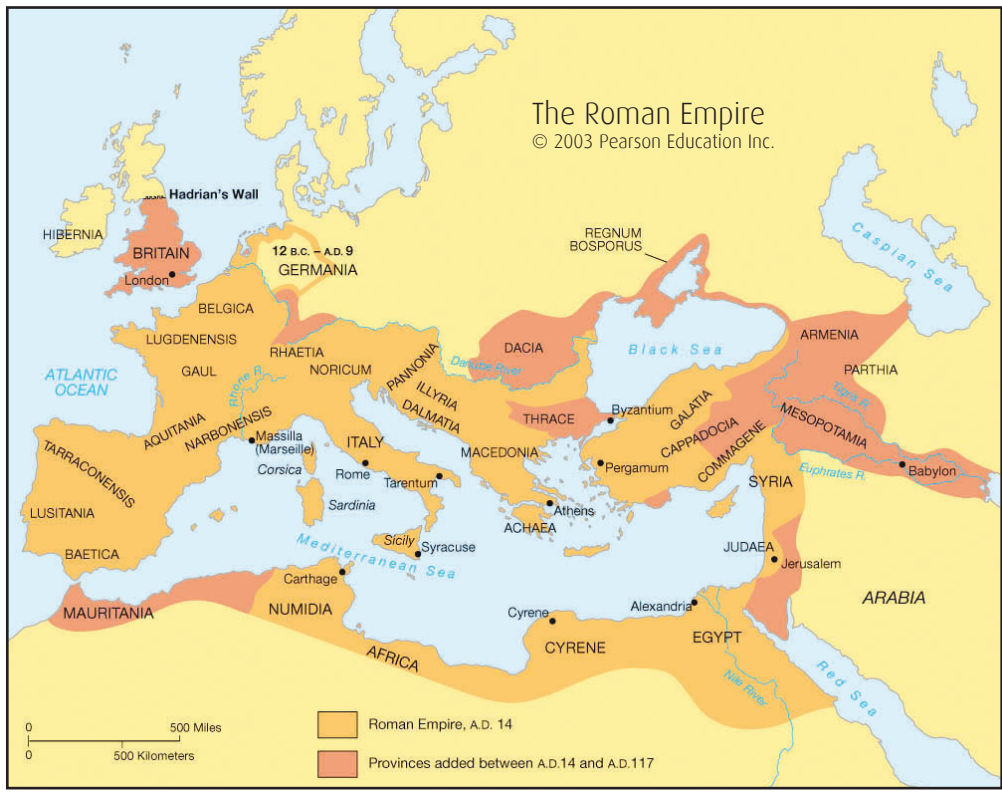
Barnabas

Imagine that you are John Mark, living in Antioch. Write a letter to your cousin Barnabas in Cyprus, telling him about the church. Include 2 photographs.



Not everyone could go on missionary work, but everyone could make a contribution by praying for the work that was being done. Look at Acts 13:1-3. What do you think their prayers may have been about?





This arch in Rome marks the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. Photographs © 2005 Anthony Moose



Many people today work around the world, spreading the Gospel to people who have not yet heard it. Look for a copy of the 'Bible Missionary' or something similar, to see what sort of work is being done today for God. Is there anything you can do?

Pray that you might work for God – be part of his team.

Digging Deeper

The Roman world

When Nebuchadnezzar had a dream of an image (Daniel 2) representing future kingdoms, which metal represented the Romans? What do you think this metal says about the sort of people they were? Another vision, in Daniel 7:6, also applies to Rome. Does this say the same thing?

The Romans counted the beginning of their history from 753 BC and grew to be a world power over the next 700 years.

Fit when these famous Romans were in power, into the time line:

Augustus Caesar (Luke 2:1)	Emperor	27 BC – 14 AD
Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1)	Emperor	14 AD – 37 AD
Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1)	Governor of Judaea	26 AD – 36 AD
Caligula	Emperor	37 AD – 41 AD
Claudius (Acts 11:28, 18:2)	Emperor	41 AD – 54 AD
Nero (Acts 25:11)	Emperor	54 AD – 68 AD
Titus (Luke 21:20-24); his army destroyed Jerusalem	General	70 AD
Two Centurions (Luke 7:1-5 & Acts 10:1-3)		

