

ONE LITTLE WORD SHALL FELL HIM
Acts 13:4-12 // January 30, 2022 AM

I. Gospel opposition arises from the serpent's villainy.

II. Gospel extension arises from the Spirit's victory.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does Luke emphasize in this story that the advance of the kingdom is not brought about by Paul and Barnabas ultimately, but by Christ?
2. Where do Paul and Barnabas begin their mission? And who do they meet when they are there?
3. What does Elymas's name Bar-Jesus mean? How is this contrasted to what Paul calls him in v. 10? What does this teach us about Satan?
4. Why was Elymas seeking to keep the proconsul from believing the gospel? What are some lies that Satan uses today to keep us and others from trusting in Christ and His word?
5. How did Christ's judgment upon Elymas lead to salvation? Can you give another example from biblical history of judgment upon Satan's people leading to salvation for God's people?
6. What weapons has God given us in our fight against Satan? Why don't we need to fear the evil one and the people he uses to oppose the church?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why does kingdom advance necessitate warfare? Do I live with a warfare mentality?
2. What particular strategies does Satan use during Lord's Day preaching to keep the word from being effective in my soul and received with meekness?
3. Do I fear the devil? Or is my heart marked by courage through Spirit-worked confidence in God's powerful word?