


## Power to Witness in Word and Deed

*The Book of Acts*


**Acts 11:19–30**

### Read Acts 11:19-30.

1. Stephen's murder begins a terrible wave of persecution against the church in Jerusalem and almost everyone flees (8:1). Many of the Greek-speaking Jewish believers then go to Gentile cities in the north that already have established Jewish communities. Indicate on the map where they go. (v. 19)
2. These scattered believers preach the good news about the Lord Jesus everywhere they go (8:4). To whom do they exclusively preach? (v. 19)
3. So far in Acts, the only Gentiles who have become believers are "insiders." The Ethiopian eunuch (8:26–28) and Cornelius (10:1–2) were already seeking a relationship with the God of the Jews.
  - a. Who now comes across to Antioch? (v. 20)
  - b. What unprecedented thing do they do? (v. 20)
  - c. Why is it now okay that they preach to these Gentile "outsiders"? (v. 18; Eph. 3:4–6; \* Eph. 2:14–17)
  - d. How is the bold decision to preach to these Gentiles confirmed? (v. 21)
4. It doesn't take long for the news to reach the believers in Jerusalem (v. 22), and they send a representative to investigate this new development. Whom do they send, and why is he the perfect choice for this job? (vv. 22–24; 4:36–37; 9:27)
5. Barnabas arrives in Antioch (vv. 23–24).
  - a. What does he find?
  - b. How does he respond?
  - c. What is the result of Barnabas' ministry there?



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\*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

