Acts 14

CHARACTERS: Paul, Barnabas, Lame man, Iconium Jew 1 & 2, Leader and crowd
COSTUMES: Biblical
PROPS: none specified
SETTING: bare stage
RUN TIME: 3 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 13 & 14
FK reading level: 4.2

AT RISE: A crowd has gathered with a LAME MAN lying in the front. PAUL and BARNABAS are pantomiming speaking to them.

LEADER: Paul and Barnabas preached to all who would hear

ALL: Many rejoiced, glorified God and believed.

LEADER: The word of God spread

ALL: Yet persecution followed.

LEADER: When they reached Lystra, they preached to all who would hear.

BARNABAS: We tell you the good news: God raised Jesus from the dead.

PAUL: My friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin.

BARNABAS: a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

PAUL: *(Paul crouches down to lay his hands on the lame man's head)* Stand up on your feet! *(LAME MAN jumps up and walks.)*

LYSTRA: Look! He walks!

LYSTRA 2: Look, this man who was lame from birth now walks!

LYSTRA 1: The gods have come down to us in human form!

LYSTRA 2: *(taking hold of* ***Barnabas****)* This one must be Zeus!

LYSTRA 1: Here is Hermes, the chief speaker of the gods.

LYSTRA: We should offer sacrifices to them.

BARNABAS: *(shouting)* Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. 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.

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PAUL: In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons.

BARNABAS: He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. *ICONIUM JEW 1 & 2 enter*

JEW 1: These men are false teachers.

JEW 2: They should be stoned, not worshipped.

LEADER: The Jews from Antioch and Iconium won the crowd over.

CROWD pantomimes stoning PAUL, who falls to the ground and is dragged stage right. JEW 1 holds BARNABAS back from intervening until crowd disperses.

ALL: They stoned Paul

LEADER: and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. *(BARNABAS goes to Paul and helps him up)*

ALL: The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

LEADER: They preached the gospel in that city

ALL: and won a large number of disciples.

PAUL: We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

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