Acts 13

CHARACTERS: Sergius, Elymas, Paul, Barnabas, extras
COSTUMES: Biblical
PROPS: none specified
SETTING: throne room
RUN TIME: 2 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 13
FK reading level: 5.0

At rise: SERGIUS is seated with ELYMAS to his left. A group of attendants look on as PAUL and BARNABAS enter.

ELYMAS: Paul and Barnabas, the proconsul, Sergius Paulus welcomes you to Paphos. The proconsul wishes to hear the word of God beyond what John preached.

BARNABAS: So you have heard of John, the one who baptized and who preached repentance and baptism?

SERGIUS: I have. Did he not speak of one coming after him whose sandals he was not worthy to untie?

PAUL: Yes. God has brought a savior, Jesus, as he promised.

BARNABAS: John spoke of Jesus who was crucified and laid in a tomb.

PAUL: But God raised him from the dead. We tell you the good news: What God promised, **he** has fulfilled by raising up Jesus.

BARNABAS: Therefore we want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

PAUL: Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin.

BARNABAS: God has made Paul and me lights for the Gentiles, so that salvation will be brought to the ends of the earth.

ELYMAS: This is utter nonsense, proconsul. How can the dead be raised to life?

PAUL: *(looking straight at Elyma*s) You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery.

BARNABAS: Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?

PAUL: Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.

ELYMAS falls to the ground, covering his eyes. He stands and runs into someone. They lead him out by the hand.

SERGIUS: Amazing.

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LEADER: When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

ALL: The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

LEADER: Many believed the word

ALL: and the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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