

# The First Pagan Response to the First Gospel Presentation

Acts 14:19-23

## **Introduction:**

- A miracle
- A sign
- A misinterpretation
- A response: “blasphemy”
- An insight: the Noahic Covenant

God has not judged only because He is faithful to His promise of mercy

So... What happens when you preach such a gospel?

v 19. Paul’s “thorn” shows up: Hostile countrymen

- And won over the multitudes because they told the truth of what the conclusions were of Christianity.
- “You must die!” Man will not allow an absolute from God to rule them.

v 20. Miraculous grace

v 21-21. Determination

v 20. “Disciples” were called out

v 21. Discipleship, as Paul went back into the city

v 23. And “elders” were established

## **Conclusion:**