



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #27
Can We Hinder the Gospel?

Acts 13:4-12
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Introduction: Originally I was going to ask this question, "Will anyone spend eternity in Hell because of you?" The question more accurately stated is this: "Is it possible for you and me to hinder the gospel message?" Have you ever stood between men and the truth? This is so vividly evident in our text today.

I. The People

A. Sergius Paulus (v. 7)

1. He was a thinking man.

2. He was a searching man.

B. Bar-Jesus, also called Elymas (vv. 6, 8)

1. He was a false prophet. (v. 6)

2. He actively hindered the presentation of the gospel. (v. 8)

C. Saul or Paul

1. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit. (v. 9)

2. Paul delivered a scathing denunciation to Elymas. (vv. 10-11)

II. The Power (v. 11)

A. This power was miraculous.

B. This power was meaningful.

III. The Persuasion (v. 12)

A. The miracle confirmed the message.

B. The message brought conviction and conversion.

Conclusion: What was the message?

1. Are you certain your trust is in Christ alone for salvation?

2. Are you standing in the way of someone accepting the truth?