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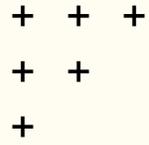
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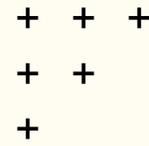
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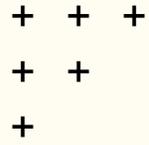
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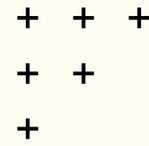
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Why was Jesus crucified and not stoned?





Stoning in the New Testament

+ WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

...and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

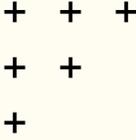
JOHN 8:4-5 NIV

+ STEPHEN

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

ACTS 7:59 NIV





The Stoning of Paul

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Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. **They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.** ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, **he got up and went back into the city.** The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

ACTS 14:19-20 NIV

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The Letter to Galatia

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, **for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.**¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

GALATIANS 6:17-18 NIV

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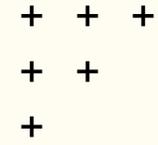


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DERBE

They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch.

ACTS 14:21 NIV



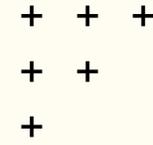
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ACTS 14:22 NIV





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ACTS 14:22 NIV

- + Paul and Barnabas **appointed elders for them in each church** and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

ACTS 14:23 NIV



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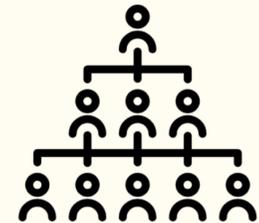
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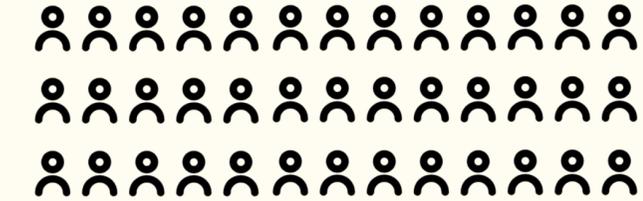
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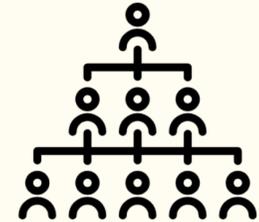
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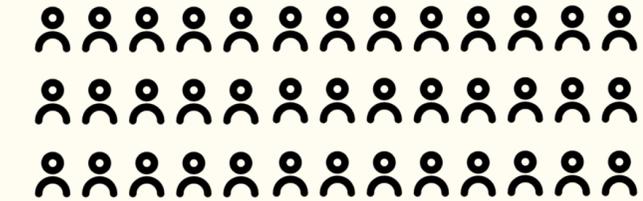
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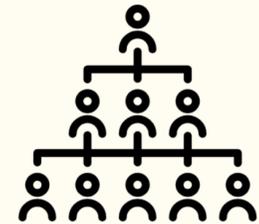
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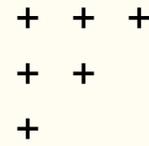
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After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia,²⁵ and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

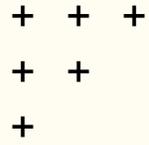
ACTS 14:24-26 NIV



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1-2 Years • 1200+ Miles • 5+ Churches Established • Thousands of New Believers

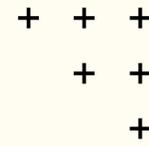




On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.
²⁸ And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

ACTS 14:27-28 NIV





Where have I seen the Holy Spirit **move** in the last year?

- Share with your small group
- Spend time celebrating God's work