

Acts 13:6-12 **Bar-Jesus (Elymas the sorcerer) blinded – Signs and Wonders**

⁶ Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹ Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ From **Salamis** on the east coast of the Island of Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas crossed the island to **Paphos**. [Acts 13:5-6]
 - ✦ **Paphos** was the major seaport on the west coast of the Island of Cyprus, about 100 miles from Salamis.
- ✚ **Sergius Paulus** was the Proconsul or Governor who desired to hear the Word of God from Paul and Barnabas.
 - ✦ **Proconsul** is the title of a governor of a senatorial province in the Roman Empire.
- ✚ **A Jew named Bar-Jesus (Elymas)**, was a sorcerer, a false prophet, a soothsayer, magician.
 - ✦ He resisted the message of the Gospel preached by Saul and Barnabas.
- ✚ This is the first time Saul is called Paul in Scripture. [Acts 13:9]
- ✚ Paul, Filled with the Holy Spirit rebuked Bar-Jesus:
 - ✦ O Full of all deceit and all fraud, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness.
 - ✦ Will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?
 - ✦ The hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.
- ✚ The Holy Spirit immediately blinded Bar-Jesus.
- ✚ Evidence of the miracle convinced Sergius Paulus to believe the word from Paul and Barnabas, being astonished, as God confirmed their teaching.
 - ✦ Miracles and signs were the trademark of God's confirmation of the Gospel message.
[Mark 16:17, 20, John 2:11, 23, 3:2, 6:2, 6:26, 7:31, 9:16, 11:47, 12:37, 20:30, Acts 2:22, 4:29-30, 5:12, 6:8, 8:13, 13:11, 14:3, 15:12, Romans 15:18-19, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2:4]