



Paul loved to make the Jewish synagogue his first stop in a new city. He always wanted to give the Jews of the city the chance to hear the Good News about their Messiah. But fairly early in his ministry, he realized that he would find more fertile ground among the Gentiles. Read about his experience and his realization in Acts 13:44-49.

1. Paul uses a variety of literary devices to drive home his point. Find them.
 - a question to advance his argument
 - if-then reasoning (in more than one verse)
 - direct address to the Gentiles in the Roman church
 - two word-pictures (one culinary, one agricultural).
2. Make sure you understand from the context whom Paul refers to in his pronouns “you” and “they”/“them.”
3. There are three commands in this text, or really one command reworded three times. What is it?

1. Twice Paul says that he turned to the Gentiles in order to make the Jews jealous. What does this mean? Did Paul deliberately appeal to the lower nature of his Jewish brethren?
2. What does the culinary word-picture mean in v. 16 and its context? It might help to consult a paraphrase like the *Message* or a commentary.
3. Why do you think Paul needed to give the Gentiles these commands? What should cause them to "stand in awe"?

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