

Let's Find Out About Barnabas

With each of the following references, it's a good idea to also look at the surrounding verses. The following questions might help your exploration.

- What was Barnabas' background?
 - What do we learn of his character?
 - How did God use him in ministry?
 - See if you can chart the relationship between Paul and Barnabas over what would have been many years.
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- Acts 4:36
 - Acts 9:27
 - Acts 11:22-30
 - Acts 12:25
 - Acts 13:1-7
 - Acts 13:42-50
 - Acts 14:1-23
 - Acts 15 verses 2, 12, 22, 25, 35.
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- Now look at Acts 15:36-39

This disagreement and parting must have been a painful thing!

- How did God use the disagreement over John Mark to further the gospel?

Was this the end of the relationship between Paul and Barnabas? It would be sad if this were so! There is certainly no more reference to Barnabas in Luke's letter (the Book of Acts).

- What do we learn from what Paul says in Galatians 2? (These words would have been written after Paul and Barnabas parted ways.)
- 1 Corinthians 9:6 - how does Paul describe Barnabas?
- Colossians 4:10-11 - Barnabas is mentioned again, but who is it that Paul is actually speaking about?
- What might we infer from these references in Paul's letters?