

## Acts 14:8-19

<sup>8</sup>Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, <sup>10</sup>said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. <sup>11</sup>And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. <sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, <sup>15</sup>"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. <sup>17</sup>Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." <sup>18</sup>Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

<sup>19</sup>But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

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## Why I can't believe...

### Aren't all religions basically the same?

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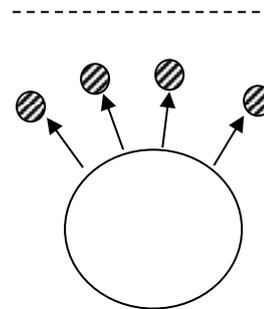
## 1. One God and creator of all

TWO VIEWS OF REALITY:

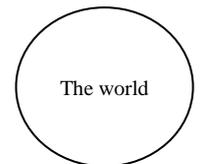
① Paganism, polytheism etc.

② Monotheism

Impersonal 'godness'?



Observable reality



## 2. One judge and saviour of all

TWO VERSIONS OF MONOTHEISM:

① Judaism, Islam, false Christianity

② Authentic Christianity

