

Acts 8 - 14 Crossword Puzzles

The *New International Version* of Acts was used in the preparation of these puzzles because it is the most readily available version in English. Our readers may prefer other versions — and there are more than 300 — but the NIV was used because of its popularity.

The NIV is currently circulated in two flavors: the version of 1986 and that of 2011. These puzzles have been checked with the text of both versions.

The package contains the pure crossword puzzle for each chapter plus a modified version with a wordbank at the bottom containing all of the words and a copy of the answers for each page.

If the pure puzzle seems too difficult for the players, then the wordbank version can be substituted, although the educational value is diminished. The teacher can have access to the answers if that is needed.

These puzzles can be used in a class to liven up participation. Because of limited time in a class setting, the wordbank version may be more useful. The puzzles are also useful in a setting where a game would be played. And of course, puzzle enthusiasts don't need any special setting because they love the challenge.

Each puzzle is based on educational objectives that could be expressed in a single sentence.

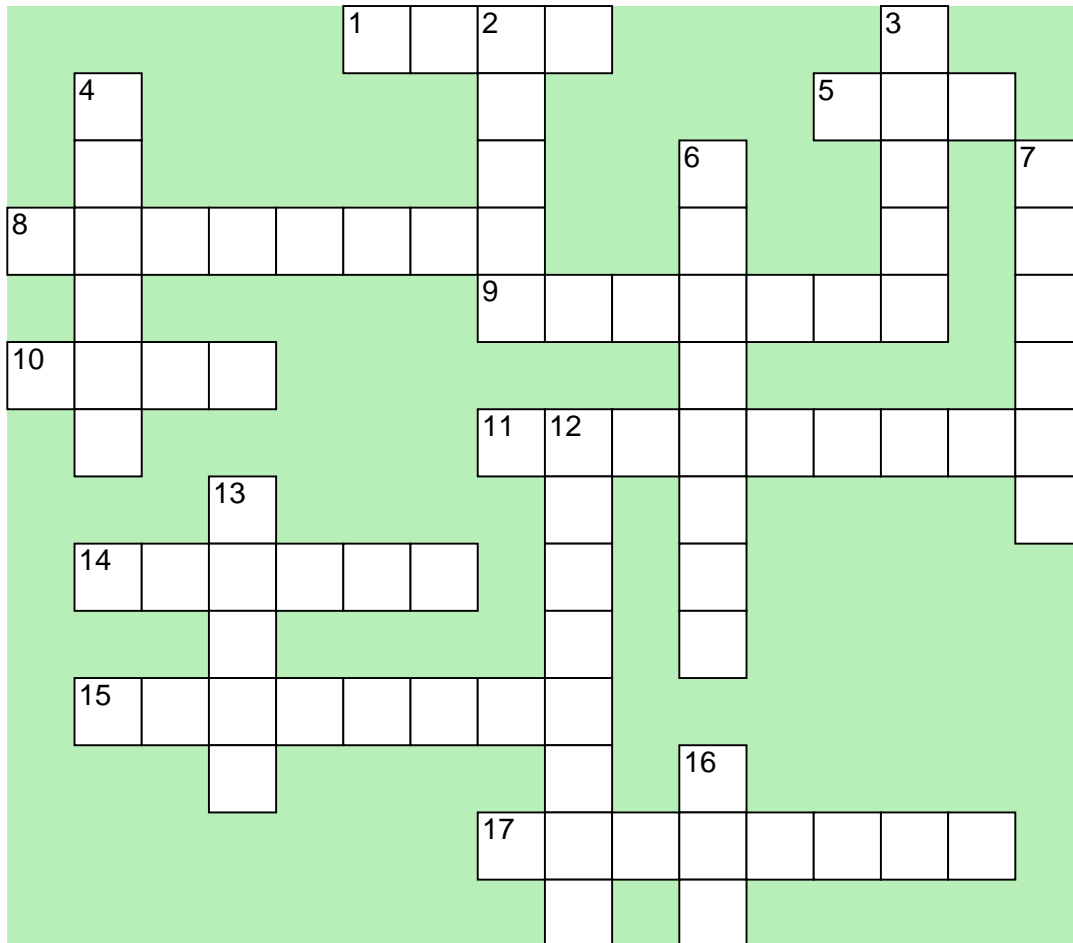
Chapters 1—7 Reviewed

The early chapters of the book were researched by Luke, but he participated in many of the events he writes about beginning with chapter 16. The first 12 chapters focus on the work of Peter and the chapters beginning with 13 focus on the work of Paul.

In chapter 1, a replacement was selected for Judas. Chapter 2 is the central event of preaching the Resurrection for the first time and telling Jewish listeners from other places how to be saved. Those who responded were the church being formed. Chapter 3 gives a sample of healing being done by the apostles and chapter 4 shows the government intervention to stop these signs and wonders. The opposition brought about added solidarity among the new believers. Chapter 5 shows the first fraud in the newly formed church and the quick justice directly from heaven. A second attempt by the government to stop the message of the Resurrection was turned away. Chapter 6 records how a serious social problem was settled and a new class of leaders were developed and empowered. One of them, Stephen, was hauled into court in chapter 7 and defended the Faith from Government critics. This ended his life, but began the spread of the Gospel message outside of Jerusalem to the surrounding areas.

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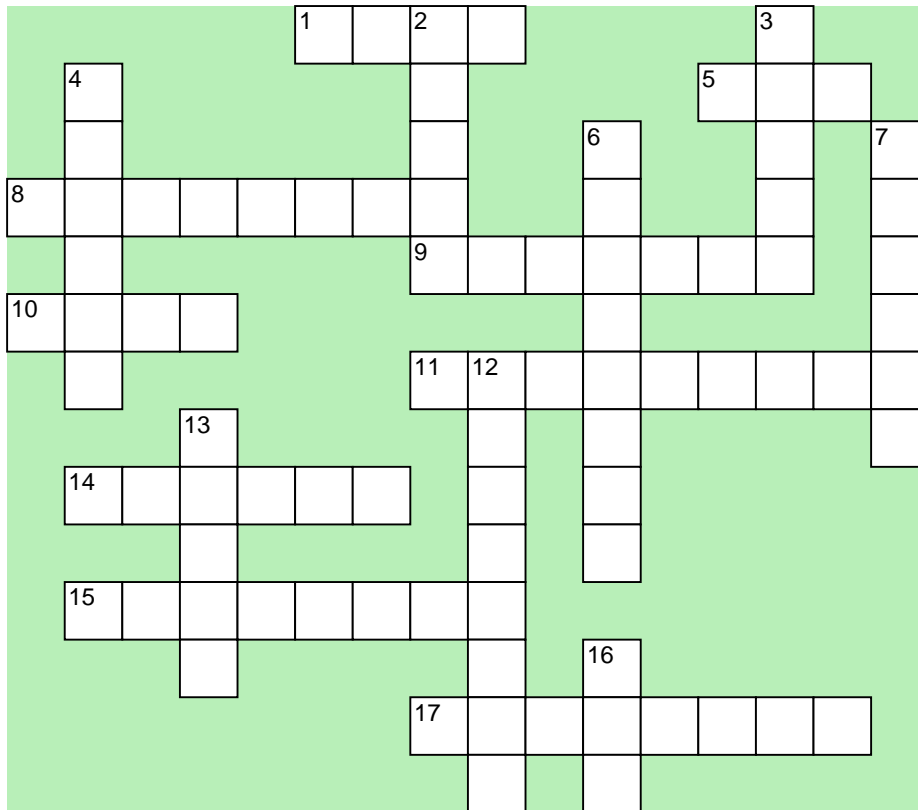
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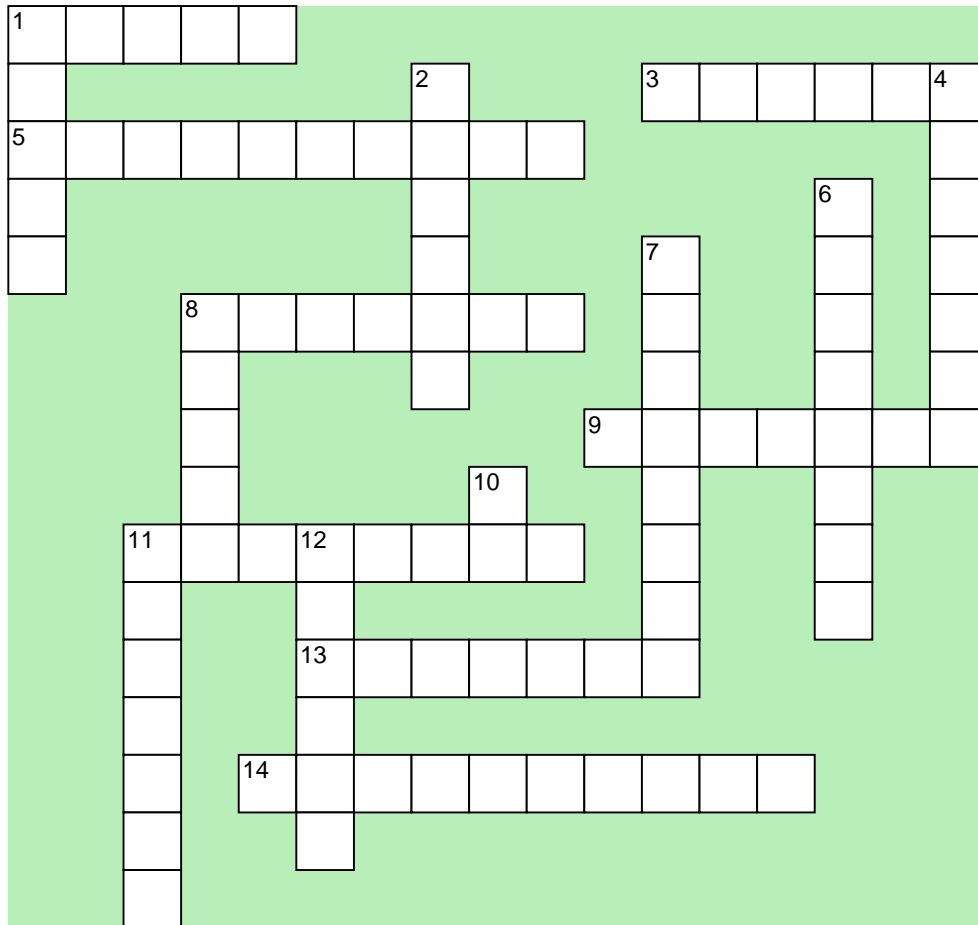
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WORD BANK: Apostles, baptized, ethiopian, hands, isaiah, john, joy, philip, preached, repent, saul, saw, simon, stephen, treasury, women.

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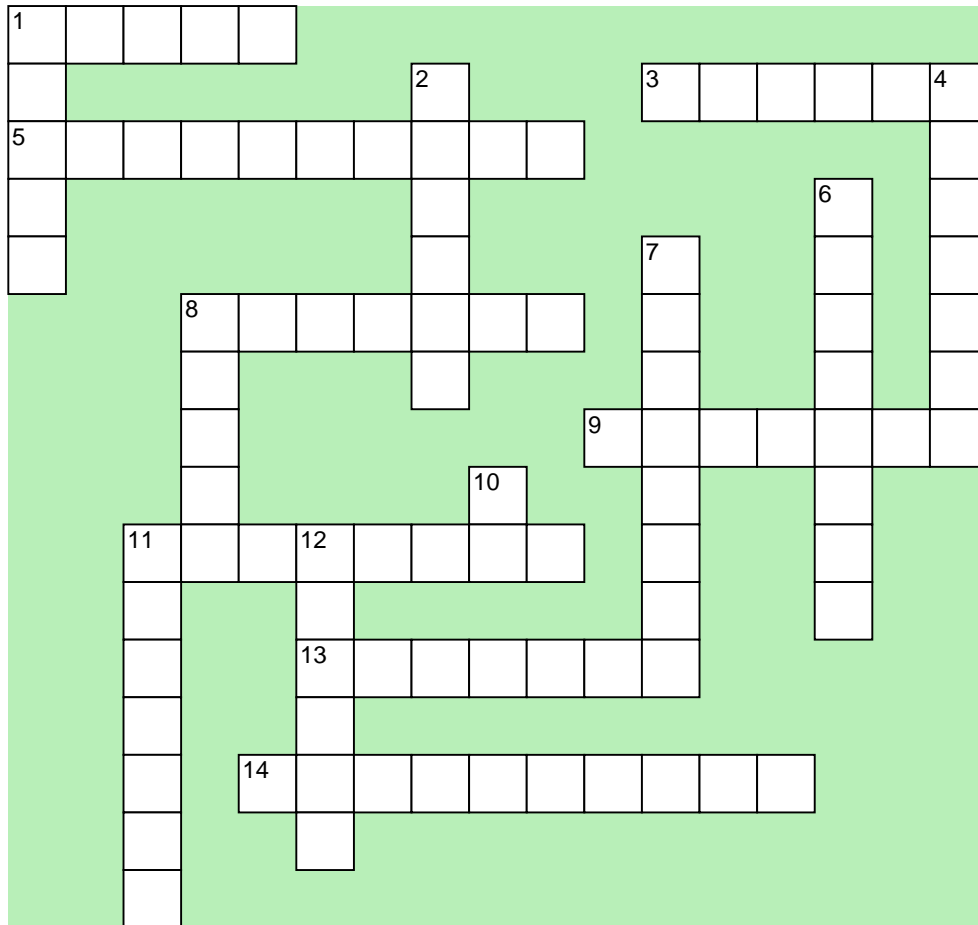
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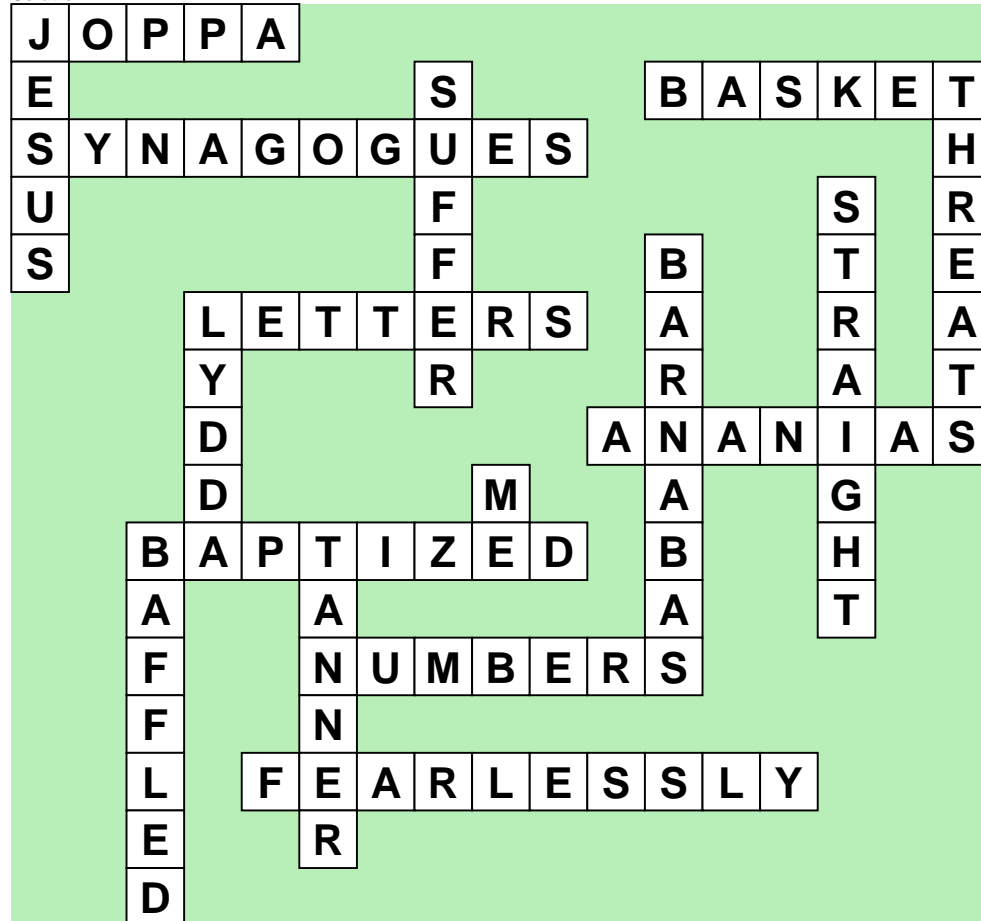
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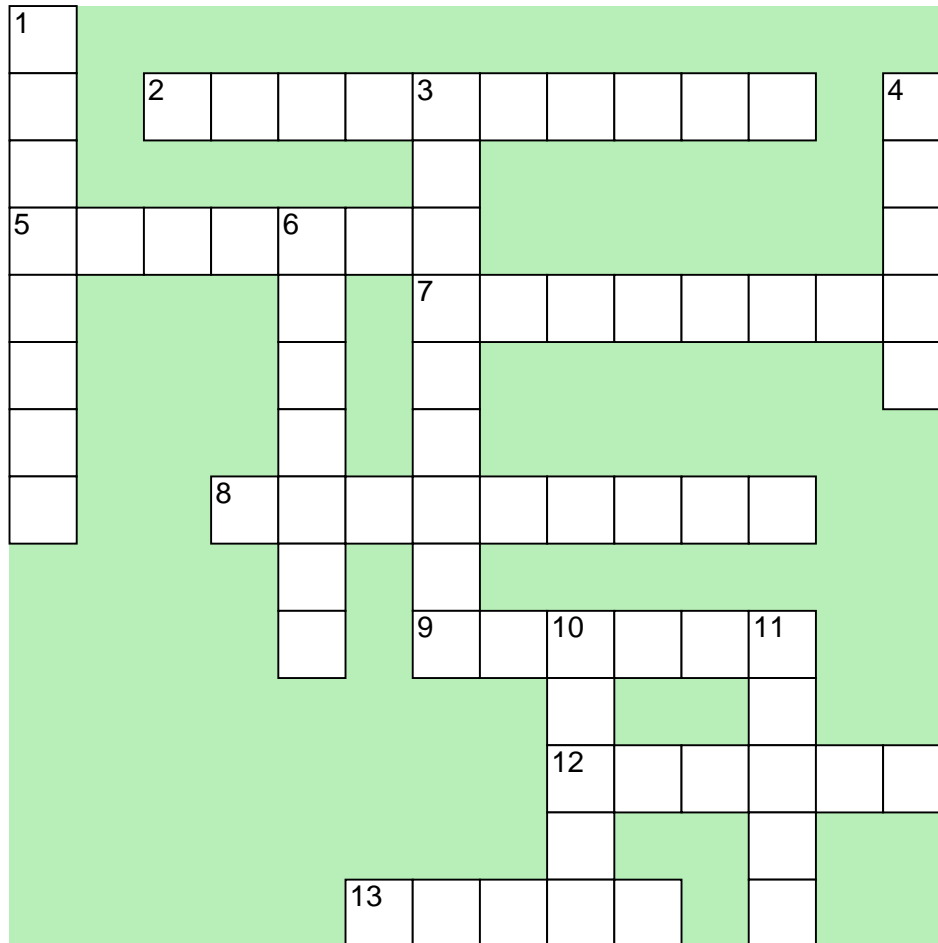
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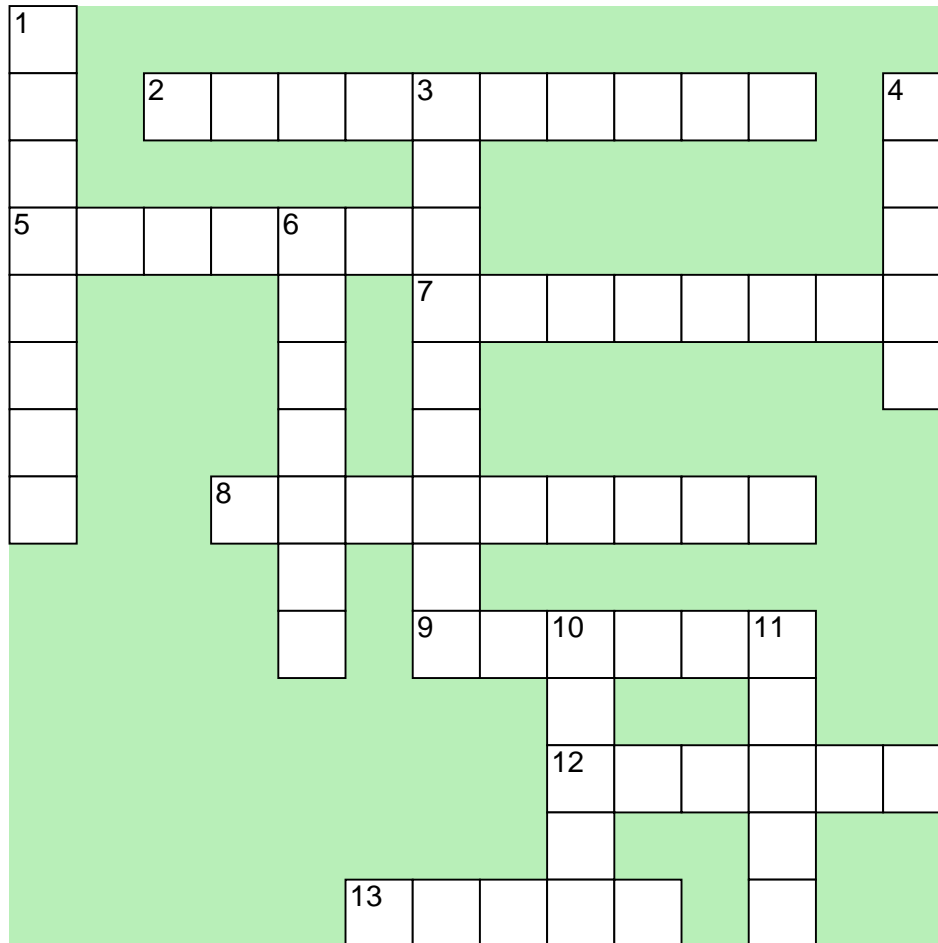
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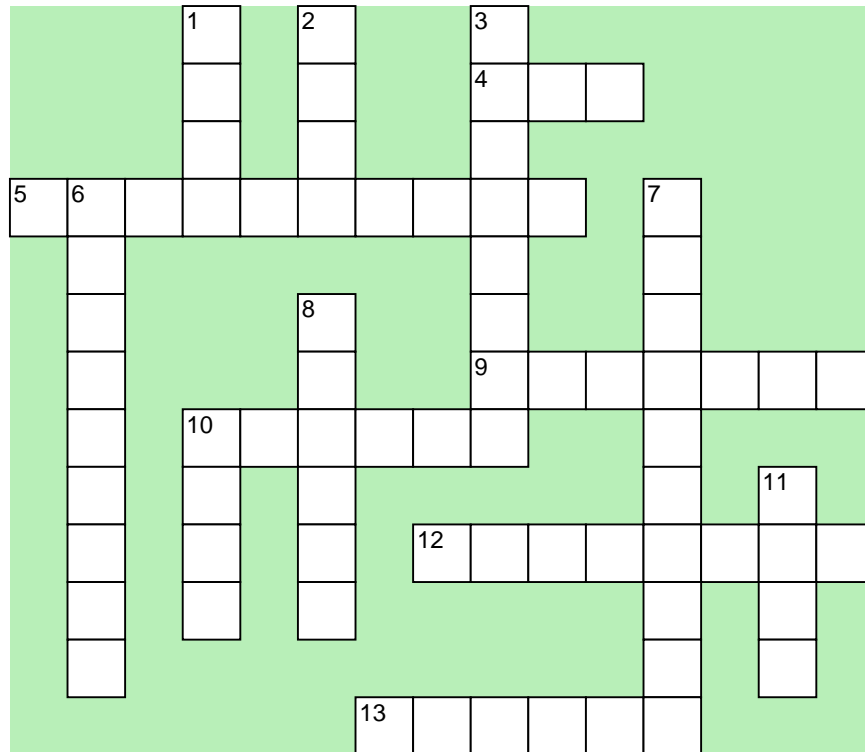
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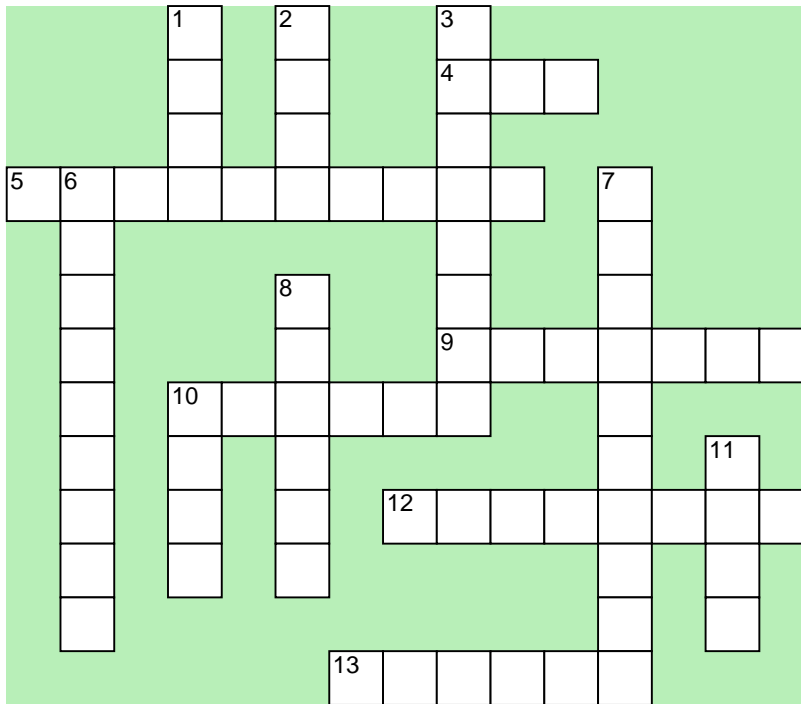
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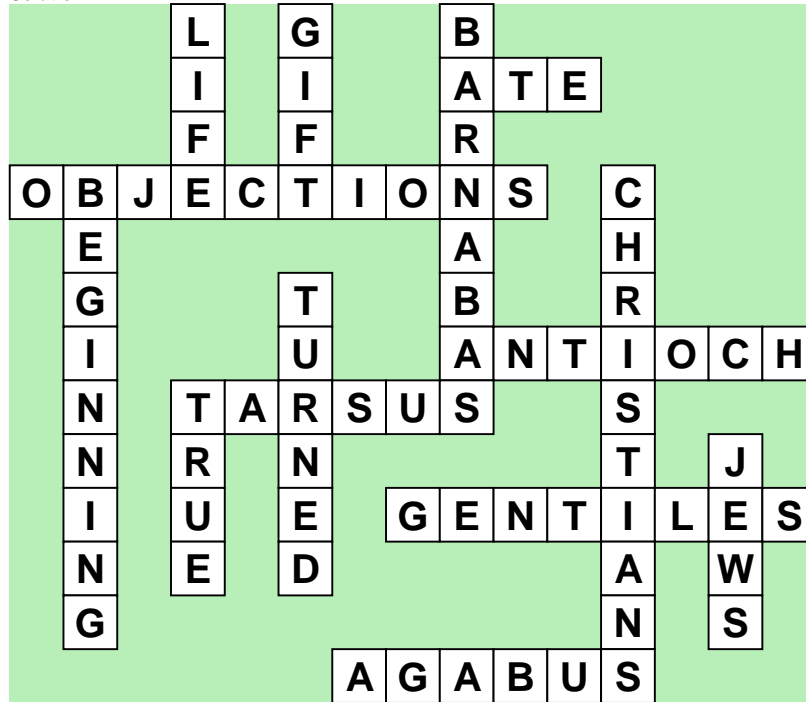
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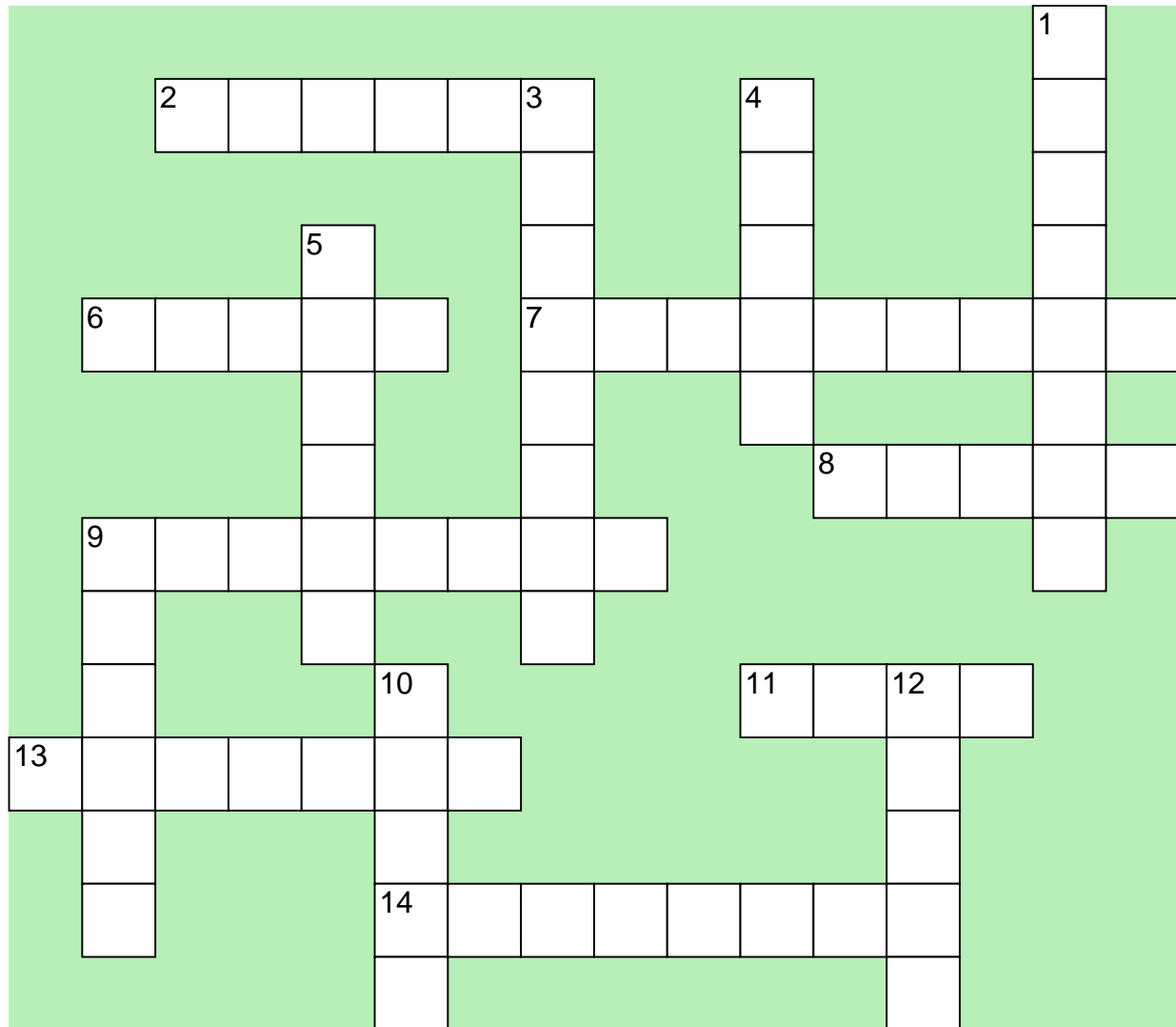
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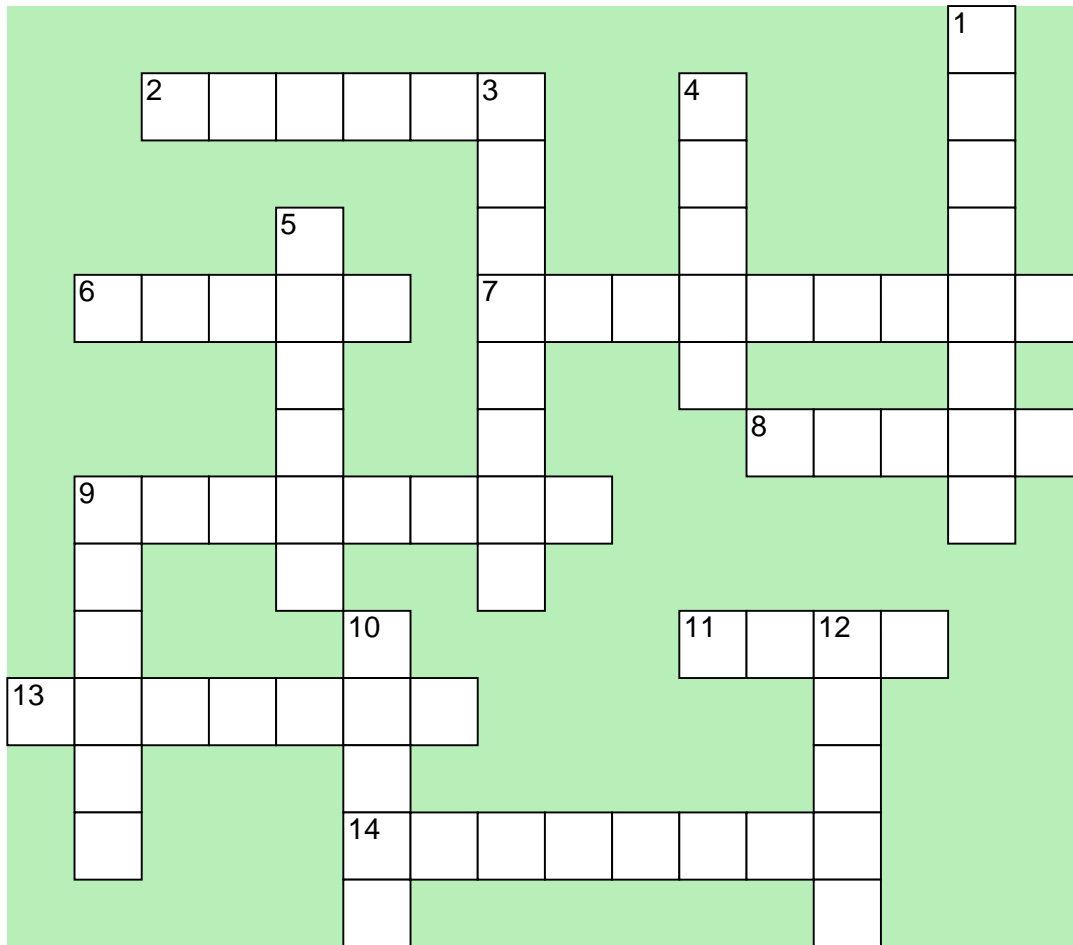
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- 6 Used to kill James.
- 7 Among the soldiers.
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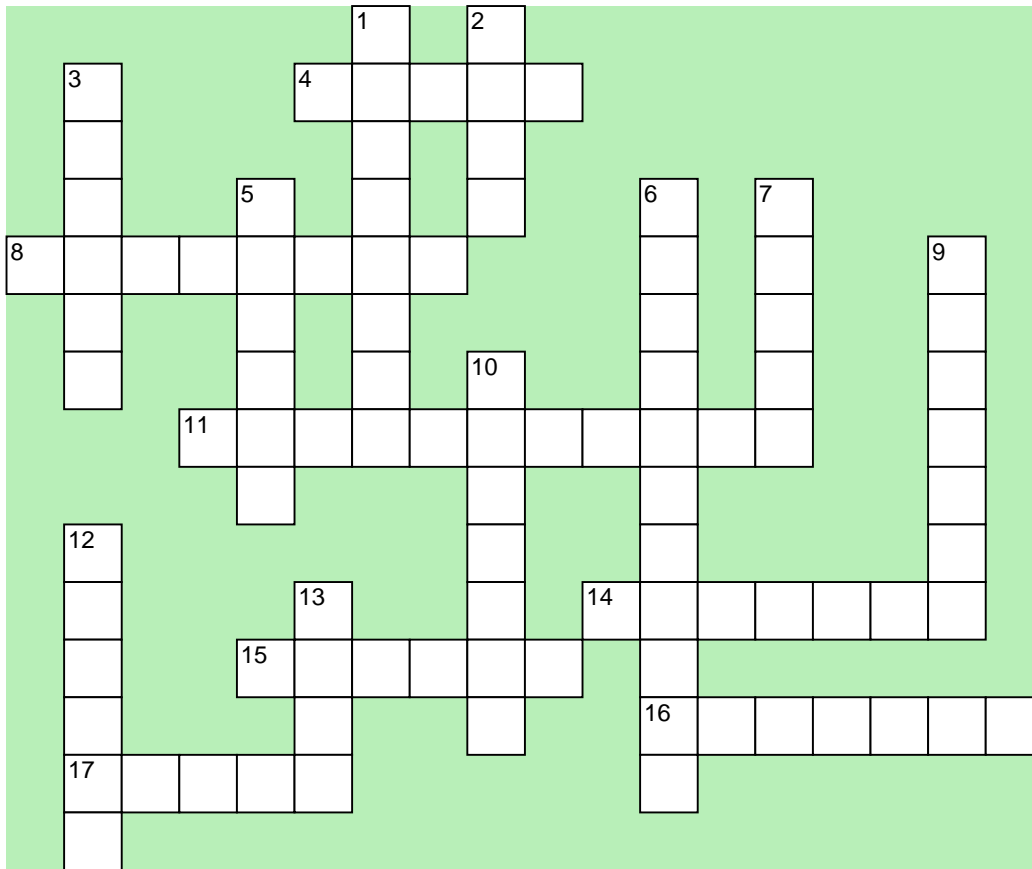
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- 11 The preaching team left Pisidian Antioch because of it.
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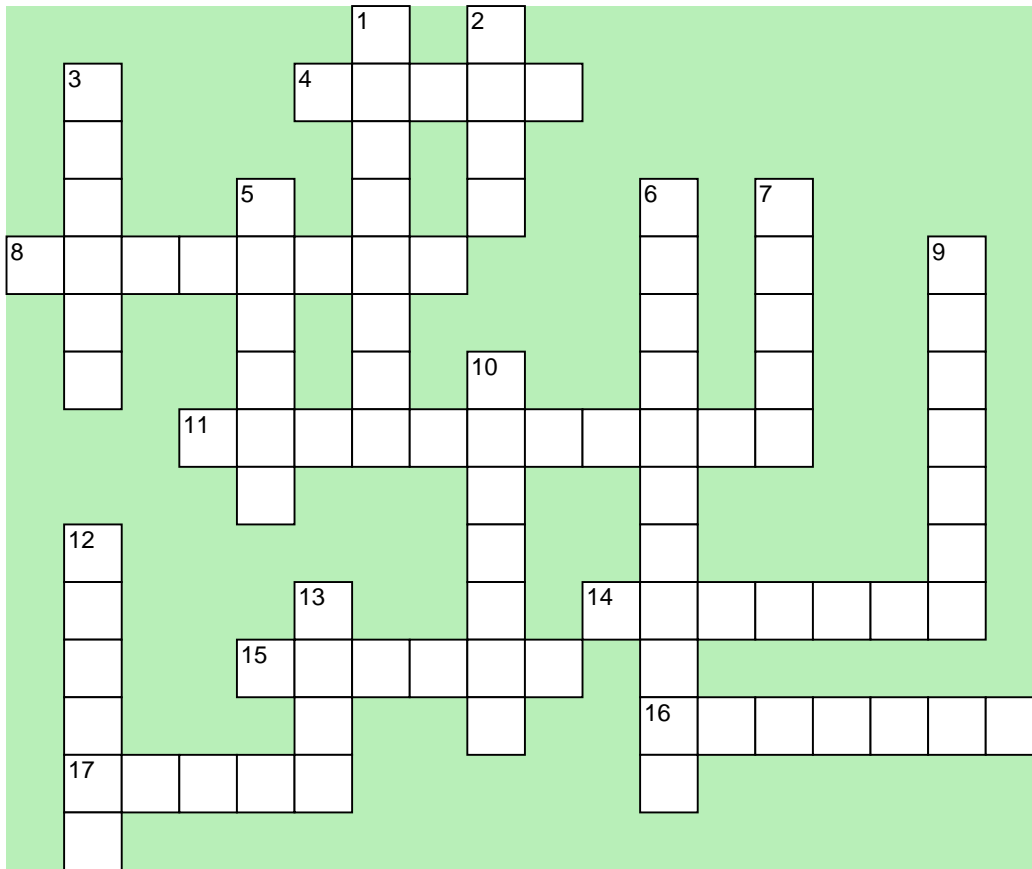
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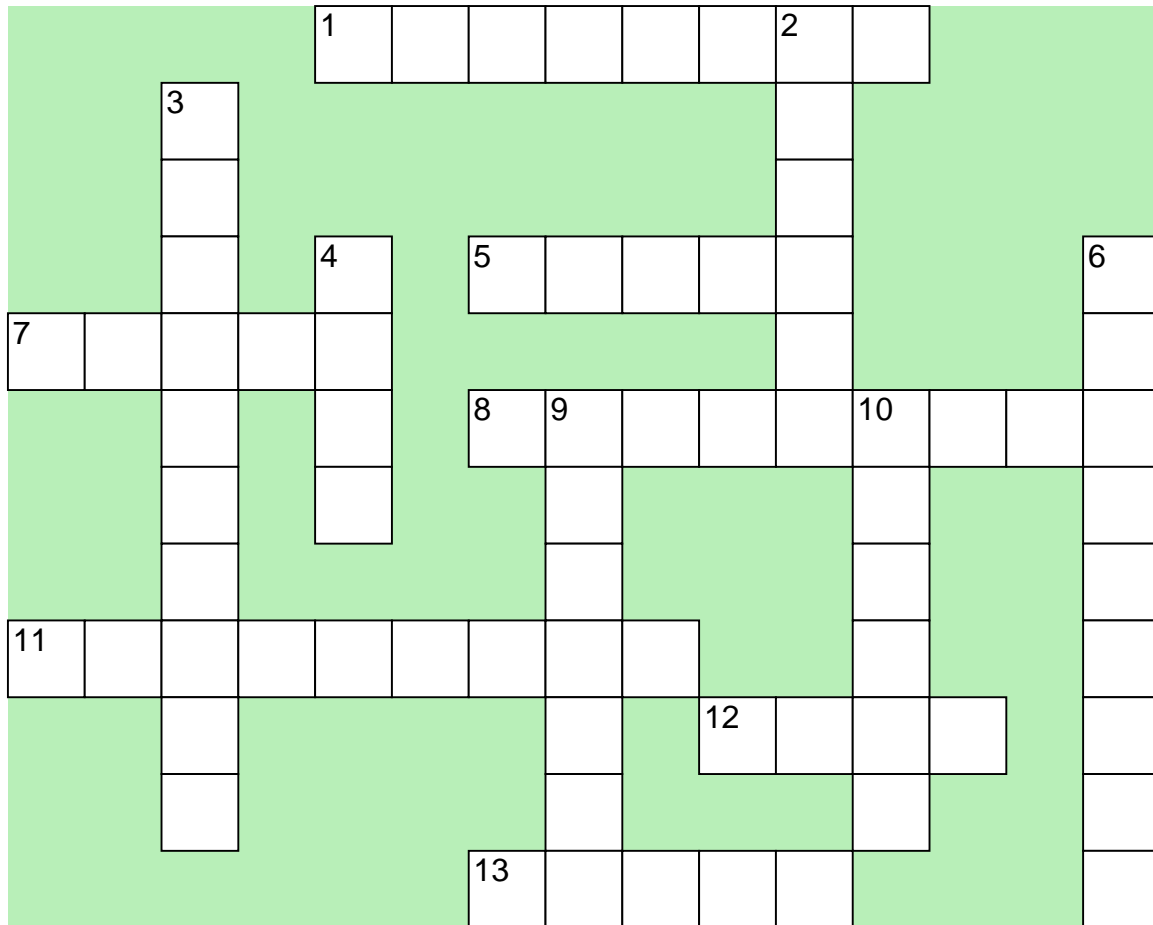
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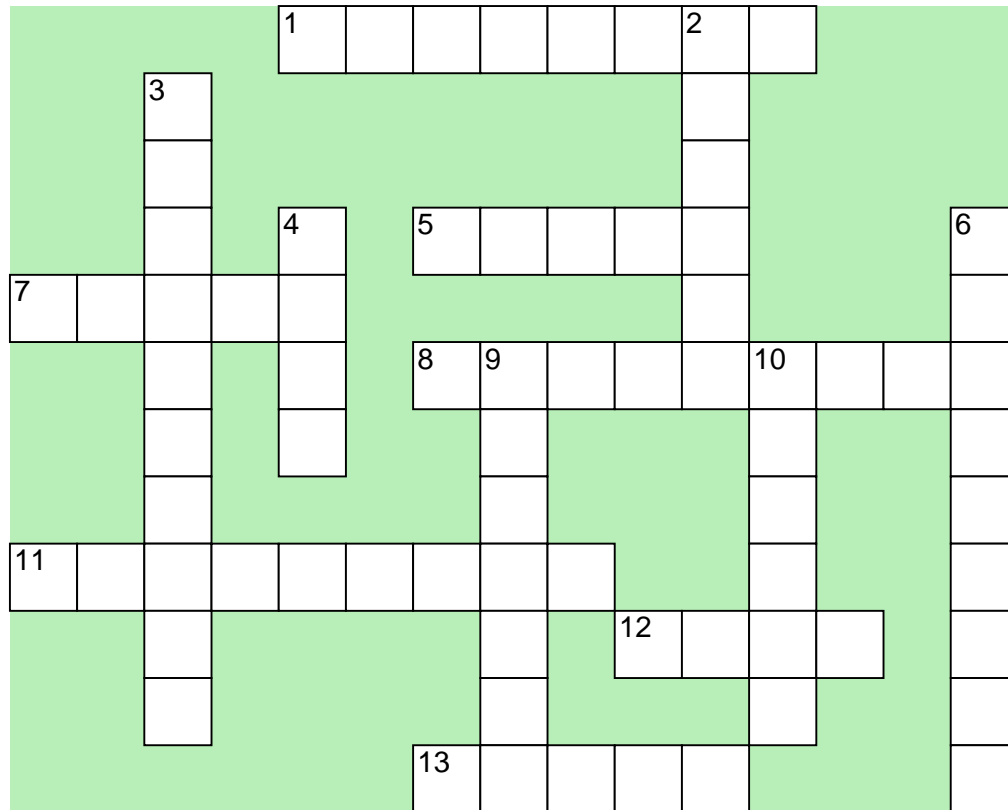
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- 5 The people of Iconium intended to _____ Paul and Barnabas.
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