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Acts 13:26-41

Science fiction authors come up with clever ways to get around the alien language problem. Douglas Adams' satirical *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* had the Babel fish, a small fish that, when inserted in the ear canal, translated alien languages into understandable speech. He noted that this amazing symbiosis was totally inexplicable by science and hence was seen as a remarkable proof for the existence of God!

There are no Babel fish, of course, but there is a merciful God who commits to us a universal message understandable by all people in all ages. Our common need is the same: We are all sinners who need God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ (see Romans 3:22-24). Paul's message in Pisidian Antioch touched both Jews and Gentiles: "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38-39).

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