
Thessalonica: free city—had own constitution. Capital city for whole province.

Acts 17:2 As his manner was: custom, habit. He went in unto them: Into synagogue to build a bridge of ministry to Jews and God-fearing Gentiles. Three Sabbath days: First 3 weeks. Reasoned with them out of the scriptures, select, distinguish, to resolve in the mind, to converse (interchange of ideas). Method of Q and A (Socratic method-dialectic).

Acts 17:3 Opening: expounding the scriptures. Alleging: quoting scriptures to prove doctrine. Expounding. Declaring as if under oath. Bringing forward—quoting as evidence. Laying it all out on the table. And must needs have suffered-proving and explaining thoroughly that Messiah suffer, die, and rise from dead. Theme: Jesus Christ, Messiah, had to suffer according to the scriptures. (Lk 24:25-27).

Adam Clarke: By proving this point, he corrected their false notion of a triumphant Messiah, and thus removed the scandal of the cross.

Jews saw Messiah as ruler and not redeemer. They only saw peaks—birth and reign of Christ. No Jew accepted idea of suffering and death of Messiah. and risen again from the dead; proof of gospel. Jesus died as Savior of world. As anointed of God. Lord of Lords…God in flesh.

Jesus arose—central theme in NT. and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. Point of conclusion when preaching to Jews. He is fulfillment of prophecy. The anointed one of Israel, God, the Son.


And chief women not a few: Prestigious women in the community. Upper class of women in the community. Thessalonian believers

➢ Good testimony 1 Thess. 1:7
Paul and Silas. mixture of boldness and doctrine. 2 Timothy 2:15

Acts 17:5 burn with zeal, fired up and boiling with envy, hatred, and anger.

Why jealous? Paul and Silas had stolen people.

Lewd fellows of baser sort, bunch of depraved, hucksters, and petty traffickers from off streets and terrorized city as they started a riot.

Assaulted the house of Jason: Attacked, rushed at; made an immediate assent upon the house of Jason. Jason—convert and possibly a relative of Paul (Acts 17:7).

and sought to bring them out to the people. To lead them, to induce them, drag them, like an animal, out to the people.

Acts 17:6 Rulers: Political leaders, politarchs.... turned the world upside down... set world in confusion.

Acts 17:7 Jason hath received: Jason is guilty of harboring criminals of the state. These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar—All of a sudden become very loyal and law abiding citizens. Another king, one Jesus—Treason! Penalty--death!

Acts 17:8 Troubled: agitated, stirred up

Acts 17:9 ... taken security of Jason, ... Made Jason and others post bail for Paul and Silas and released them while they investigated all other charges.

Applications:

1. Opening and alleging—use of reason and scriptures to document their statements
3. The verbalization of the Word impacted a whole city....turned upside the world.


Synagogue: Every synagogue had own culture. Personality. Spirit.

Acts 17:11

1. Noble: well-born, high in quality or disposition of mind; Sharp, classy.
2. Receptive. Listened attentively and respectfully to Word of God.
3. Studious... Searched: Dug out; studied, cross-referenced everything heard with OT scriptures.

Daily—consistently… a must when it came to the synagogue.

Balance: Noble + Receptive + Studious.

Balance: Open mind to preaching; narrow mind to truth.

Bereans—thirsty but not gullible