

The Acts of the Apostles

Part II: Paul and His Companions Witness in Asia Minor and Europe (Acts 13:1-21:16)

Session 5: Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Chapter 17)

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- I. What does Thessalonica have that Philippi did not? (v. 1)
 - a. What was the basis for Paul's reasoning in the synagogue? (v. 2)
 - b. What did he prove? (v. 3)
 - c. Read 1 Corinthians 1:23. Why is the Gospel difficult for the Jews to accept?
 - d. How is this similar to what Jesus did in Luke 24:26-27? What word do you notice is the same?

- II. What was the response of the Jewish leaders? (v. 5)
 - a. Who was showing the apostles hospitality and got dragged before the authorities? (vv. 5-6)
 - b. What was their charge against the Christians (vv. 6-7)
 - i. What of their charge is true?
 - ii. What of it is not true?

- III. What was the initial response to Paul and Silas in Berea? (v. 11)
 - a. What ended up happening? (v. 13)

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- IV. What provoked Paul in Athens? (v. 16)
- a. What assumptions did some make about Paul's message? (v. 18)
 - b. What did they invite Paul to do? (vv. 19-20)
 - c. What were the Athenians known for? (v. 21)
- V. For what does Paul commend the Athenians? (vv. 22-23)
- a. What is a defining characteristic of the true God? (vv. 24-25) How is this different than the Greek understanding of their gods?
 - b. What is Paul quoting in v. 28? What is Paul trying to accomplish by doing so?
 - c. How is what he says in vv. 30-31 similar to his message from 14:15-17?
 - d. Is Paul any more successful than he was in Lystra? (compare 17:32-34 to 14:18)