



# GOSPEL IMPACT

WHEN IT DISRUPTS OUR LIVES

ACTS 17:1-9

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## 1. Respect \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-3)

## 2. Expect \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

## 3. Understand \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.5-9)

**Acts 17:1** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." **4** And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. **5** But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. **6** And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, **7** and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." **8** And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. **9** And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

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# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Hebrews 4:12-13**. Describe a time when the preached or written word had the kind of effect on you that this passage portrays.
2. Read **Isaiah 53:4-6** and **2 Corinthians 5:21**. We can understand why Jews struggled to envision their promised messianic King being tortured and murdered. In your own words, explain the necessity of Christ's death.
3. Read **John 3:1-5** and **Romans 6:1-4**. How would you explain to someone the transformation that comes to our lives when we become Christians, which makes living the same way as we did before impossible?
4. Read **Luke 14:25-32** and **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**. Why does it make sense that the call of Christ to follow him would be such "folly" to non-Christians, especially in light of our current cultural climate?
5. Read **Acts 17:6**. In what ways does the gospel and what it does to people's lives when God's Spirit is changing hearts turn a culture "upside down"?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 19-39 – **When Our Light Shines in the Darkness**
- Msg. 12-42 – **On the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**
- Msg. 18-14 – **Christ's Kingdom Forecast: The Turbulent Intermission**
- Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**
- Msg. 19-57 – **The Resurrection of Christ**
- Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
- Msg. 08-39 – **Where's the Promised Peace on Earth?**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32
Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21
Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.46-48 & Mt.14:22-36
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Gen.49-50 & Mt.15:1-20
Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Ex.1-3 & Mt.15:21-39

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Brown, Michael L. **Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus**. 5 volumes. Baker Books, 2000.
- Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.
- Cochran, Gregory. **Christians in the Crosshairs: Persecution in the Bible and Around the World Today**. WBC, 2016.
- Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
- House, Paul. **Who Will Be Saved? Defending the Biblical Understanding of God & Salvation**. Crossway, 2000.
- Morris, Leon. **The Atonement: Its Meaning and Significance**. InterVarsity, 1984.
- Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied**. Eerdmans, 1984.
- Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.
- Nyquist, Paul. **Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture**. Moody Publishers, 2015.
- Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.
- Rydellnik, Michael & Edwin Blum (eds.). **The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy**. Moody Publishing, 2019.
- Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.
- Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.