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- How did these 3 guys get together? (.v 1)
- What is the background for the founding of the church at Thessalonica and why does Paul feel a need to write a letter to them?
- Why was the church and Paul under great affliction and opposition? (v. 6)

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1 Thessalonians 2:2 – ...we **suffered** earlier and were **mistreated** in Philippi,...in spite of **much opposition**.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-15 – ...because you too **suffered** the same things from your own countrymen as they in fact did from the Jews, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and **persecuted us severely**.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 - so that no one would be shaken by these **afflictions**. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this....we were telling you in advance that we would **suffer affliction**, and so it has happened, as you well know.

1 Thessalonians 3:7 - So in all our **distress and affliction**,

Acts 13

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## John 18:33-19:16

So Pilate went back into the governor's residence, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the **king of the Jews?**" 34 Jesus replied, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or have others told you about me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and your chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus replied, "**My kingdom** is not from this world. If **my kingdom** were from this world, my servants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. But as it is, **my kingdom** is not from here." 37 Then Pilate said, "**So you are a king!**" Jesus replied, "**You say that I am a king.** For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world—to testify to the truth..."

## John 18:33-19:16

...it is your custom that I release one prisoner for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release for you **the king of the Jews?**" 40 Then they shouted back, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.)

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged severely. 2 The soldiers braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they clothed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him again and again and said, "**Hail, king of the Jews!**" ...

15...Then they shouted out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked, "**Shall I crucify your king?**" The high priests replied, "**We have no king** except Caesar!"

16 Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

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- We've taught that same message in the series on the Son of Man

**Luke 4:16-21** - And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet **Isaiah** was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,**  
because **he has anointed me**  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

**He has sent me** to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

## Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a **kingdom**, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and **his kingdom** one that shall not be destroyed.

## Acts 1:9-11

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and **a cloud took him out of their sight**. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? **This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**

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- V. 26-29
- Why was crucifixion such a stumbling block to the Jews? (**1 Corinthians 1:23** - but we preach about a crucified Christ, a stumbling block to Jews..)

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23** - "If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day **(for he who is hanged is accursed of God),...**

- Paul wrote a letter to the churches in Galatia after he visited them on his 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey

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Just as Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, 7 so then, understand that those who believe are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel to Abraham ahead of time, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.” 9 So then those who believe are blessed along with Abraham the believer. 10 For all who rely on doing the works of the law are **under a curse** because it is written, “**Cursed** is everyone who does not keep on doing everything written in the book of the law.” 11 Now it is clear no one is justified before God by the law because the righteous one will live by faith. 12 But the law is not based on faith, but the one who does the works of the law will live by them. 13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse** of the law **by becoming a curse for us** (because it is written, “**Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree**”) 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we could receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.

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### Galatians 3:6-14

- Paul, raised a Pharisee, knew the scripture and that Jesus hung on the cross accursed
- But he provides a new interpretation
- Paul understands that God has raised the accursed from the dead, meaning the curse has been overcome
- Jesus is the Savior
- This means that the curse Jesus endured on the cross was not His own
- It was ours!

## Acts 13

- V. 30-41
- V. 42-43 - God-fearing proselytes
- V. 44-15:1
- Imagine someone coming into our church and teaching us a new way to understand the scriptures that we haven't heard before
- and "many" from our church start to follow these new teachers and their teaching
- Would there be jealousy? Conflict?
- In the end, it's the same as it's always been
- Just like the Israelites that rejected the way God wanted to lead them after the Exodus, now they reject Jesus as their savior and long-awaited king

## Acts 15

- V. 1-2; 6-11
- V. 36-16:1







Acts 17

- V. 1-9



