

Turning the World Upside Down

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Acts 13:14-16

I. How God's People "Turn the World Upside Down!" (Acts 17:1-13)

A. Paul's Plan to Share the Gospel, (vs. 1-3)

1. (v. 1), "Now when they had travelled through Amphipolis and Appolonia, they came to Thessalonica.

2. (v. 2), "And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them
 - a. "Reasoned" = "Dialogue"; Asking & answering questions . . .

Luke 2:46

Isaiah 1:18

3. (v. 3), "...explaining & giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer & rise from the dead...."
 - a. "Explaining" = Making something plain; "Giving Evidence" = the truth of O.T. prophecies.

1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4

B. How People in Thessalonica Responded to the Gospel, (vs. 4-9). We see the same responses today!

1. (v. 4), "Some of them were persuaded & joined Paul and Silas . . .

2. (v. 5a), "...but the Jews"

John 10:19

2 Corinthians 11:24

3. (v. 5b), "...becoming jealous"

Mark 15:10

Acts 5:17

Acts 13:45

4. (vs. 6-8), “When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren”
 - a. “Jason and some brethren” = People of Thessalonica who were converted to Jesus by Paul.
 - b. “Upset the world”: i.e., upset the natural(?) order of things.

1 Peter 4:4

John 15:18

C. People’s response to the Gospel and to God’s People has Not Changed, (vs. 10-13)

1. (vs. 10-11), “The brethren [new believers] immediately sent Paul & Silas away by night....”
 - a. Note, Paul didn’t change his plan in spite of what he had experienced in Thessalonica....”

- b. For the unbelieving Jews of Thessalonica were not done, (v. 13).

CONCLUSIONS:

MEADOWS: With all this upset against them, why would anyone want to continue to follow Christ??!

Romans 8:18

GUESTS:

Romans 1:16

Mark 1:1

Mark 16:15-16

