

Paul at Thessalonica

17:1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to ^aThessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And ^aaccording to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three ^bSabbaths reasoned with them from ^cthe Scriptures, 3 ¹explaining and ²giving evidence that the ³Christ ^ahad to suffer and ^brise again from the dead, and *saying*, "^cThis Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the ³Christ." 4 ^aAnd some of them were persuaded and joined ^bPaul and Silas, ¹along with a great multitude of the ^cGod-fearing ^dGreeks and ²a number of the ^eleading women. 5 But ^athe Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and coming upon the house of ^bJason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. 6 And when they did not find them, they *began* ^adragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset ¹^bthe world have come here also; 7 ¹and Jason ^ahas welcomed them, and they all act ^bcontrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 And they stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a ¹pledge from ^aJason and the others, they released them.

Paul at Berea

10 And ^athe brethren immediately sent ^bPaul and Silas away by night to ^cBerea; ¹and when they arrived, they went into ^dthe synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in ^aThessalonica, ¹for they received the word with ²great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, *to see* whether these things were so. 12 ^aMany of them therefore believed, ¹along with a number of ^bprominent Greek ^cwomen and men. 13 But when the Jews of ^aThessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in ^bBerea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds. 14 And then immediately ^athe brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and ^bSilas and ^cTimothy remained there. 15 Now ^athose who conducted Paul brought him as far as ^bAthens; and receiving a command for ^cSilas and Timothy to ^dcome to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Paul at Athens

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at ^aAthens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols. 17 So he was reasoning ^ain the synagogue with the Jews and ^bthe God-fearing *Gentiles*, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present. 18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were ¹conversing with him. And some were saying, "What would ^athis ²idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange ³deities,"—because he was preaching ^bJesus and the resurrection. 19 And they ^atook him and brought him ¹to the ²^bAreopagus, saying, "May we know what ^cthis new teaching is ³which you are proclaiming? 20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; we want to know therefore what these things mean." 21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers ^avisiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

Sermon on Mars Hill

22 And Paul stood in the midst of the ¹Areopagus and said, “Men of ^aAthens, I observe that you are very ^breligious in all respects. 23 “For while I was passing through and examining the ^aobjects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ What therefore ^byou worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 “^aThe God who made the world and all things in it, since He is ^bLord of heaven and earth, does not ^cdwell in temples made with hands; 25 neither is He served by human hands, ^aas though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; 26 and ^aHe made from ¹one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having ^bdetermined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, ^athough He is not far from each one of us; 28 for ^ain Him we live and move and ¹exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His offspring.’ 29 “Being then the offspring of God, we ^aought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. 30 “Therefore having ^aoverlooked ^bthe times of ignorance, God is ^cnow declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed ^aa day in which ^bHe will judge ¹^cthe world in righteousness through a Man whom He has ^dappointed, having furnished proof to all men ²by ^eraising Him from the dead.”

32 Now when they heard of ^athe resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, “We shall hear you ¹again concerning this.” 33 So Paul went out of their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the ^aAreopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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^a Acts 17:11, 13; 20:4; 27:2; Phil. 4:16; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 2 Tim. 4:10

^a Acts 9:20; 17:10, 17

^b Acts 13:14

^c Acts 8:35

¹ Lit., *opening*

² Lit., *placing before*

³ I.e., Messiah

^a Acts 3:18

^b John 20:9

^c Acts 9:22; 18:5, 28

³ I.e., Messiah

^a Acts 14:4

^b Acts 15:22, 40; 17:10, 14f.

¹ Lit., *and a great*

^c Acts 13:43; 17:17

^d John 7:35

² Lit., *not a few*

^e Acts 13:50

^a Acts 17:13; 1 Thess. 2:14ff.

^b Acts 17:6, 7, 9; Rom. 16:21

^a Acts 16:19f.

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- ¹ Lit., *the inhabited earth*
^b Matt. 24:14; Acts 17:31
¹ Lit., *whom Jason has welcomed*
^a Luke 10:38; James 2:25
^b Luke 23:2
¹ Or, *bond*
^a Acts 17:5
^a Acts 1:15; 17:6, 14f.
^b Acts 17:4
^c Acts 17:13; 20:4
¹ Lit., *who when...arrived went*
^d Acts 17:1f.
^a Acts 17:1
¹ Lit., *who received*
² Lit., *all*
^a Acts 2:47
¹ Lit., *and not a few*
^b Mark 15:43
^c Acts 13:50
^a Acts 17:1
^b Acts 17:10; 20:4
^a Acts 1:15; 17:6, 10
^b Acts 15:22; 17:4, 10
^c Acts 16:1
^a Acts 15:3
^b Acts 17:16, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1
^c Acts 17:14
^d Acts 18:5
^a Acts 17:15, 21f.; 18:1; 1 Thess. 3:1
^a Acts 9:20; 17:2
^b Acts 17:4
¹ Or, *disputing*
^a 1 Cor. 1:20; 4:10
² I.e., one who makes his living by picking up scraps
³ Lit., *demons*
^b Acts 4:2; 17:31f.
^a Acts 23:19
¹ Or, *before*
² Or, *Hill of Ares*, god of war
^b Acts 17:22
^c Mark 1:27
³ Lit., *which is being spoken by you*
^a Acts 2:10
¹ Or possibly, the Council of the Areopagus
^a Acts 17:15

^b Acts 25:19
^a 2 Thess. 2:4
^b John 4:22
^a Is. 42:5; Acts 14:15
^b Deut. 10:14; Ps. 115:16; Matt. 11:25
^c 1 Kin. 8:27; Acts 7:48
^a Job 22:2; Ps. 50:10-12
^a Mal. 2:10
¹ Some later mss. read *one blood*
^b Deut. 32:8; Job 12:23
^a Deut. 4:7; Jer. 23:23f.; Acts 14:17
^a Job 12:10; Dan. 5:23
¹ Lit., *are*
^a Is. 40:18ff.; Rom. 1:23
^a Acts 14:16; Rom. 3:25
^b Acts 17:23
^c Luke 24:47; Acts 26:20; Titus 2:11f.
^a Matt. 10:15
^b Ps. 9:8; 96:13; 98:9; John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42
¹ Lit., *the inhabited earth*
^c Matt. 24:14; Acts 17:6
^d Luke 22:22
² Or, *when He raised*
^e Acts 2:24
^a Acts 17:18, 31
¹ Lit., *also again*
^a Acts 17:19, 22
ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.