

# The World is Being Turned Upside Down

## *Are you a Thessalonians or a Berean?*

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Acts 17:1-14

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Theme Verse: Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

### OUTLINE OF ACTS

The Witness to Jerusalem -	Acts 1:1 - 8:3
The Witness to Judea and Samaria -	Acts 8:4 - 12:24
The Witness to the ends of the earth -	Acts 12:25 - 21:14
From Jerusalem to Rome -	Acts 21:15 - 28:31

Key Verse: Acts 17:11 - Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Theme Statement: The Scriptures accurately preached, rationally presented and carefully examined will turn upside down world philosophies, traditions of men and false religions.

### The Church Founded in Thessalonica - Acts 17:1-9

1. Paul, as usual, started his ministry in Thessalonica \_\_\_\_\_
2. Paul dialogued with the Jews from \_\_\_\_\_ for three Sabbaths \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that:
  - a) The Messiah \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah
3. Some Jews, many God-fearers and a number of leading women \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth and \_\_\_\_\_ with Paul and Silas
4. BUT some unbelieving Jews organized a mob of wicked men against Paul and Silas and against their \_\_\_\_\_, Jason, who was probably \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jason was dragged before the politarxes (city authorities) and accused of supporting Paul and Silas, men who:
  - a. were \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. were \_\_\_\_\_ by saying there was another King, Jesus
6. Jason was released upon posting a \_\_\_\_\_ probably implying that he would \_\_\_\_\_

### The Church Founded in Berea - Acts 17:10-14

1. Paul, as usual, started his ministry in Berea \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians in that they \_\_\_\_\_ the truth with \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_
3. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ and respected \_\_\_\_\_ believed the truth
4. BUT Jews not of \_\_\_\_\_ but of \_\_\_\_\_ stirred up the crowd so at the suggestion of the brethren, Paul was sent away for his protection while \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ remained.

### Implications

1. As Christians, we must continually \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure we are faithfully living by the truth of God
2. As Christians, we are not to be \_\_\_\_\_ listeners to the Word of God
3. As Christians, if we are struggling to understand certain doctrines of Scripture, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Unbelievers need to \_\_\_\_\_ to see if the gospel is true

Colossians 2:8 - See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.