

Acts.



The Message of the Gospel

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ACTS 17:2-3 ESV



He must Suffer

- + Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
- ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:4-6 NIV



He must Rise

- + After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

ISAIAH 53:11 NIV

- + Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

PSALM 16:9-10 NIV



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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**.

ACTS 17:4 ESV

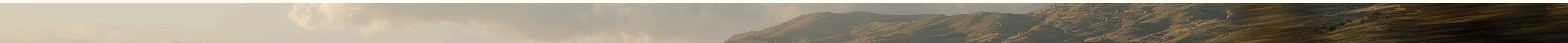
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But the **Jews were jealous**, and taking some **wicked men of the rabble**, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd.

ACTS 17:5 ESV

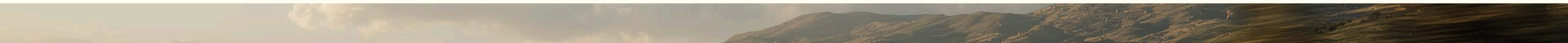
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Now **these Jews were more noble** than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.¹² **Many of them** therefore believed, with not a few **Greek women** of high standing as well as **men**.

ACTS 17:11-12 ESV

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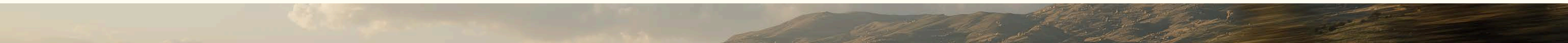
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But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, **agitating and stirring up the crowds.**

ACTS 17:13 ESV



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.**”

ACTS 17:6-7 ESV

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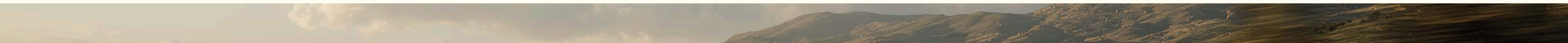
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City Officials

Citizens





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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.

ACTS 17:8-9 ESV



And you **became imitators** of us and of the Lord, for you **received the word** in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,⁷ so that you **became an example** to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.⁸ For not only has the **word of the Lord sounded forth from you** in Macedonia and Achaia, but **your faith in God has gone forth everywhere**, so that we need not say anything.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-8 ESV



For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how **you turned to God from idols** to serve the living and true God,¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9-10 ESV



**Jesus is King, and that
disrupts everything.**

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Three Questions

- + Do you view Jesus as King?
- + Have you responded to this message?
- + How has this message reshaped your life?

