

Acts of the Apostle/ *Turning the World Upside Down*

Week of September 7, 2025

Acts 17:1-5

1. The Gospel Disrupts the Status Quo (v1-4)
2. The Gospel Disturbs the Self-Righteous (v5-9)
3. The Gospel Demands a Response (v10-15)

Read Acts 17:1-4

How does the arrival of the missionaries upset the status quo in Thessalonica?

Describe Paul's approach to sharing the message with people of Greece.

Read Acts 17:5-9

Describe the Jewish leaders' response to Paul's message.

What can we infer about Jason's faith in this passage?

Read Acts 17:10-15

What quality made the Bereans more *honorable* than the Thessalonians?

How do we see the full spectrum of gospel response in this passage? (*Receive with Gladness, Questioning and Interested, Neutral/ Dismissive, Questioning and Doubtful, Reject with Hostility*)

For Further Consideration and Application:

Compare and contrast the Thessalonians' response to Paul's message with the Bereans' response.

Why is confessing Jesus as the Christ imperative to not only salvation but ongoing sanctification?

What areas of your life does Jesus need to "turn upside down?"

What areas of society does the church need to "turn upside down?" How should we go about doing it?

Prayer Prompt:

Pray that we would be willing to reason with people about the Gospel, but stand firm in the truth. Pray for hearers' hearts to be softened and ears to be receptive to the Gospel message. Pray for salvation of the lost and heart/life change in every believer.