

Acts 17:1-33

My Witnesses to the
Remotest Part of the Earth

Review

Direction and Words

Holy Spirit empowered

83 times, 40 verses

110 times, 52 verses (rest of NT)

Application

Review

Character Quality

Boldness, Boldly, Confidence

Boldness 4:31

Boldly 9:27, 28; 13:46; 14:3; 18:26

Confidence 4:13, 29; 26:26

Acts 17:1-9

Travels

Thessalonica

They

No Luke

Jews

Christ the Messiah, Resurrected

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

Power

Worthy of faith, worship

Created life

Resurrect after death

Sovereign over life/death

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

Identity

Jesus, Messiah

Sign from heaven

Hundreds of eyewitnesses

Proof--Savior

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

Character

Sinless, divine nature

God's "Holy One"

Never see corruption

Ps. 16:10; Acts 13:32-37

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

Validates OT prophecies

Jesus' suffering, resurrection

Acts 17:2, 3

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

Validates Jesus' prophecies

Third day

Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:34

Acts 17:1-9

Jesus' Resurrection

The Resurrection and the life

Jn. 11:25

Source of both

1 Jn. 5:11-12 (Life)

1 Cor. 15:53-57 (Resurrection)

Acts 17:1-9

Contrast

Believers

Some Jews

Multitude God-fearing Greeks

Leading women

Acts 17:1-9

Contrast

Unbelievers

Some Jews

Wicked

Mob (3); Acts 21:35; 2 Cor. 6:5

Acts 17:1-9

Jason

Dragged

Welcomed

Contrary to Caesar

Stirred up

Pledge

Acts 17:10-15

Paul, Silas

Berea

Synagogue

More noble-minded

Eagerly received word

Acts 17:10-15

Paul, Silas

Many believed vs

Thess. Jews agitating

Encourage believers

Both Philippi, Berea

Acts 17:10-15

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Acts 17:16-21

Paul

Provoked

Idols

Reasoning

Market

Philosophers

Acts 17:16-21

Athens

Democracy originated

Greek philosophy developed

Socrates, Plato, Aristotle

Acts 17:16-21

Epicurus

Lived, taught in Athens

341-270 BC

Paul visits in 50 AD

“Good achieved by pursuing enjoyment and avoiding pain”

Acts 17:16-21

Epicurus

Not hedonism (failure)

Good, easy to obtain

Basic needs

Simple life

Low expectations

Against worry

Acts 17:16-21

Epicurus

Gods

No action on people, earth

Perfect

Outside of world

No reward, punishment from gods

Acts 17:16-21

Stoic philosophers

Zeno of Citium

334-262 BC

Contemporary of Epicurus

Accept life, good and bad

Dire times, peaceful attitude

Acts 17:16-21

Stoic philosophers

Virtue valued

Self-control

Not ruled by feelings

Universe—force of Reason

No personal gods

Zeus—creative force

Acts 17:16-21

Idle babbler

Paul

“One who made his living by telling things he had picked up somewhere else.”

Ironic

Time talking story

Acts 17:16-21

Idle babbler

Did not understand him

Nonsense

Empty ideas, disconnected

Wish to say

Failing to communicate

Insult

Acts 17:16-21

Jesus

New name in Athens

Resurrection

More preposterous

Areopagus

Hear intellectual oddball

Acts 17:16-21

Areopagus

Hill of Ares

Mars' Hill

Roman name for Ares

Greek god of war

Stands today



Acts 17:22-31

Religious

Idols > people

Altar to unknown God

Gentiles

No OT understanding

Common interest

Acts 17:22-31

Existence of God

Ignorant of Him

Creator God

No needs

Source of life, breath, all

Acts 17:22-31

Human race

Nations from Adam

Determined times, boundaries

Mercies—seek Him

In Him we live

Acts 17:22-31

Relationship

Creature to Creator

Offspring

God not stone

Overlooked Gentiles' ignorance

Acts 17:22-31

Repent

Gospel demands repentance

Sons through faith

Judgment through Christ

Assured by resurrection

Acts 17:32-34

Resurrection

Sneer

Hear again

Joiners

Dionysius, Areopagite

Member of court