

The resurrection is essential to the apostle's message.

Acts 17:2-3 (ESV) ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

6 verbs that characterize Paul's evangelism that we can put into practice:

1. "Reasoned" (vs. 2)

He discussed or debated the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Luke 9:21-22 (ESV) ²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

2. Paul "explained" (vs. 3) to them the Scriptures, which means to "open up".
3. Paul "proved" (vs. 3) to them that it was necessary for Jesus to die and to resurrect.
4. Paul "proclaimed" (vs. 3) this message.

Acts 17:4 (ESV) 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.

5. "Persuaded" (vs. 4)

When Paul laid out the evidence, they were persuaded.

6. "Joined" (vs. 4)

When people became believers in Jesus Christ, they became part of the Christian community.

Acts 17:4-9 (ESV) ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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." ⁸ 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 17:11 (ESV) 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.