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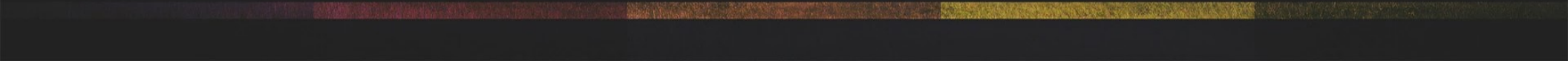
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"Upsetting the World for Christ"

Acts 17:1-15



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Paul "reasoned" with them from the Scriptures: The Greek word comes from the root for our English word dialogue. There was exchange, questions and answers.

Paul did the work of "explaining" which literally means 'opening.' Paul opened the Scriptures with clarity and simplicity.

Paul was "demonstrating" that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead. The idea is of presenting persuasive evidence to listeners.


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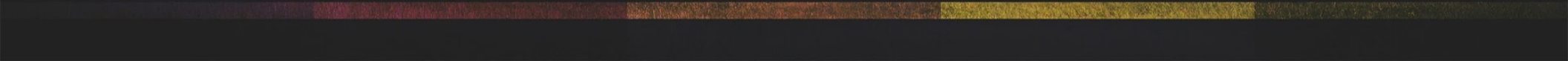
- **John 15:20—“If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”**
- **John 16:33—“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**
- **2 Timothy 3:12—“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”**

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**“Do not give what is holy to the dogs;
nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they
trample them under their feet, and turn and
tear you in pieces.” Matthew 7:6**





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