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"Jesus is Greater Than Religion"
Acts 17:16-34

- Athens was the most celebrated city in all Greece
- Home of literature, art, politics, & thought
- With its Acropolis (that fortified stronghold situated on a hill); its illustrious Pantheon building with its massive pillars could be seen for miles
- Population in Athens was around 10,000 and yet, they had 30,000 statutes of gods!
- These idols were etched into public buildings, stationed along the streets, & memorialized in shrines & temples

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- God is the Creator of all things (v.24)
- God has made us all from the same blood—Adam and Eve (v.26)
- God has provided opportunities for all peoples to see and seek Him (v.27-28)
- God is not worshipped as a religious rite or idol because He is the Living God (v.29)
- God has appointed a Judge—Jesus Christ (the resurrected One) and commands all peoples to repent of their sins (v.30-31)

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3. Religion's distraction and ignorance are powerless when God draws sinners to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (v.32-34)