

One Anothering: Ministering to the Lord

Acts 17:1-10

The background of the slide features a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the lower half, there are dark silhouettes of several people. Some are standing with their arms raised, while others appear to be in a group, possibly holding hands or embracing. The overall scene suggests a church service or a moment of collective worship. The text is overlaid on this background.



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1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of



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the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women. 5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. 6 When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also; and



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Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Paul and Friends In Philippi

- Paul meets and shares Jesus with Lydia
- Paul sets free a demon possessed slave
- Paul and Silas are beaten without a trial
- Paul and Silas are imprisoned
- Paul and Silas share Jesus with the Jailor
- It is not about us!



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

To Thessalonica

- Nearly 100 miles of travel along path
- Thessalonica most populous in Macedonia
- A cultural and commercial epicenter
- Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ its population were Jewish
- Many likely to have ousted from Philippi
- Reported as having 36 synagogues

Three Sabbaths

- Paul went to the synagogues first
- Proclaiming “this Jesus” was ‘the Christ’
- Arguing from the scriptures:
 - The Suffering of Christ
 - The Resurrection of Christ
 - The Messiahship of Christ

The Hearer's Response

- Some Jews in the synagogues are persuaded
- A large number of God fearing Greeks
- A number of prominent women
- Jealous response from religious people
 - *zae-lo-o* desire, envy, covet, zealous
 - disreputable mobs, uproar, accusations, fines

Accusations

- “Upsetters of the world!”
- Inciting people to act contrary to Caesar
- There is another king
- All things his adversaries believed and wanted!
- These very charges were brought against Jesus!
- Paul has been preaching Christ’s suffering!
- If Christ was treated this way...

Paul's Response

- Paul did what God called him to do in Thessalonica
- Paul went to the Synagogues
- For fifteen days he represented Christ
- When his brethren urged him on he went and did what God called him to in Berea
- Follow the Call of Christ