

Acts 17:1-11  
"As His Manner ~~is~~ Was"

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1. Introduction

- a. Seaport of Thessalonica
  - major city of Macedonia
- b. 1 Thess 1:8
  - your faith toward God has spread outward
- c. Spiritual Christian has no reason to be ashamed of the gospel
  - too many Christians today ashamed of Christ's gospel
- d. Three things in Paul's ministry

2. Paul's dedication (vs 1-3)

- a. Manner to witness (pattern in town)
- b. Paul went to Jewish synagogue first
- c. Then Paul went to Gentiles second
- d. Paul manner of personal witnessing
- e. Paul was bold in his preaching
  - he reasoned with the Jews
  - he used the scriptures
  - Jesus was the Christ (Messiah)
  - \* Paul asked people to pray for him to open his mouth boldly with words - Eph 6:19
  - Paul preached that Jesus must die & rise from the dead

3. Paul's delivery (vs 3)

- a. Jesus the Messiah must suffer
  - suffering servant - Is 52:13-53:12
  - Jews wanted a ruling Messiah
  - \* even Jesus disciples - Acts 1:6
- b. Jesus suffered for sins of mankind
  - cup of suffering in Garden in Gethsemane
  - Jesus was betrayed by Jewish leaders
  - Jesus was tortured by Roman soldiers
  - Jesus was put to death by Roman rulers
- c. Jesus died for sins of the world
  - 1 Jn 2:1-2 Jesus propitiation for sins of whole world
  - propitiation means to appease or satisfy God's anger

#### 4. Paul's direction (vs. 4-

- a. Some Jews saved
- b. Great number of devout (God loving) Greek Gentiles saved
- c. Several prominent women also saved
- d. Unbelieving Jews
  - not persuaded to Christ
  - created a mob in the market place from loving rabble rousers
  - attacked house of Jason
    - \* mob came looking for Paul & Silas
    - \* dragged Jason & other believers out to the authorities
    - \* mob accused Christians of preaching another king other than ceasar
    - \* ~~they~~ Jason & Christians paid a fine, then released
- e. New Christians sent out Paul & Silas by night to save their lives

#### 5. Conclusion

- a. Paul's habit to teach gospel of Christ to Jews first, then to Gentiles
- b. Some Jews believed Christ
- c. Many more Gentiles believed Christ
- d. Paul repeated this pattern from city to city