



**Acts - Can I get a Witness? Wk. 52 - Acts 17:1-9**  
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**Acts 17:1-9 - Paul and Silas in Thessalonica**

**17** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> 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." <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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,<sup>7</sup> and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." <sup>8</sup> And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup> And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

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**[READ THE TEXT]**

**[PRAY]**

**I. Holy Spirit Guided Entry:**

[1] Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. [2] And Paul went in, as was his custom,...

**II. Holy Spirit Inspired Evangelism:**

[2] ...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."

A. Reasoned: mingle thought with thought; to ponder, revolve in mind; to converse, discourse with one, argue, discuss a dialogue of ideas (this is not a monologue like Sunday morning preaching).

B. Scripture: What is the primary source of authority in the other person's life? Our source is ALWAYS Scripture, especially in Evangelism.

C. Explained: literally = opening the womb (the first-born); metaphorically = "Gave birth to an idea"



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D. Proved: Literally = food placed on a table to offer to eat; metaphorically = to place side by side for a decision.

E. Creation to Christ:

**Luke 24:26-27**

[26] Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**Luke 24:44-45**

[44] Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

**III. Holy Spirit Regenerated Church:**

[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.

A. Persuaded: to be persuaded of a thing concerning a person; to listen to, to obey, yield to, comply with; to trust, have confidence, be confident

B. Joined: to cast a vote with a particular party.

**IV. Enemy Resistance Against the Work of the Holy Spirit:**

[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.

**V. Holy Spirit Empowered Discipleship**

[6] And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities...

**VI. Holy Spirit Sustained Expansion:**

[6] ...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.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

[6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For not only has the word of the Lord sounded



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forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. [9] For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**VII. Holy Spirit Equipped Leaders:**

[9] And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

[10] The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night...

**[PRAYER]**

**[COMMUNION]**

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