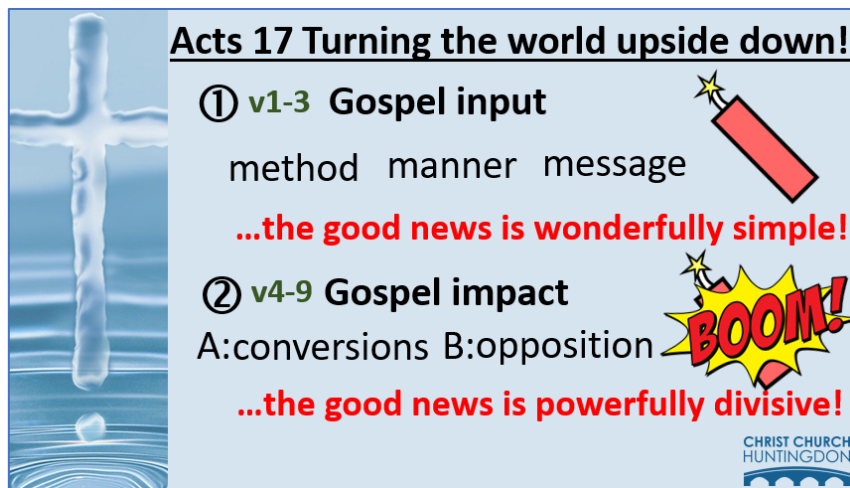


Dig Deeper into Acts 17:1-9 for personal study and lifegroups...



Acts 17 Turning the world upside down!

① v1-3 Gospel input
method manner message
...the good news is wonderfully simple!

② v4-9 Gospel impact
A: conversions B: opposition
...the good news is powerfully divisive!

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Acts 17 is stop 2 on Paul's 5 city tour after Philippi and before Berea, Athens, Corinth...for those who would like to view these places on a map, see the resources below. Here are some questions, including digging deeper into the application...

1) v1-3. What can we learn from Paul's method (ie priorities), manner (ie painstaking patient instruction) and message (ie content) in our own evangelism?

2) v3. Why do you think it is so hard to "mention the J word"? Ie talk about Jesus? What top tips do you have for one another in terms of a) raising spiritual things with our friends generally, and b) when we do, getting to talk about Jesus rather than just generalisations about "God", "church", "faith", "religion"? Is it true that the message is "wonderfully simple"?

3) v4-9. How does this passage model the two different reactions that the gospel brings? What will happen if we exclude either of them in our expectations? How might we expect to be "caught in the crossfire" as Jason was in this story? How do you feel about that?

4) Was their charge in v7 true? How is the Christian faith simultaneously subversive and loyal to human leadership? Does this have any impact on you as a General Election approaches?

(IF TIME, or for your next 4 quiet times... What do the following verses from 1 Thessalonians add to the picture of Paul's interactions with those in Thessalonica? And what lessons do you take away personally?

1 Thess 1:5-10

1 Thess 2:1-12

1 Thess 2:13-20

1 Thess 3:1-13)



Resources...

- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/map-44-08/> A map from the excellent ESV study Bible on this "Second missionary journey"- see here for [1st](#) and [3rd](#).
- <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-acts/> See here for some resources from the Bible Project including two videos overviewing the book as a whole in a pictorial way.