

Acts 17

Lesson 25

Paul at Thessalonica (1-9)

- Thessalonica about 100 miles Southwest of Philippi
- Paul's custom was to preach in the synagogue
- His message concerning the death of Christ convinced some, especially among the devout Greeks
- Envious Jews created a mob, and attacked the house of Jason
- Made false accusations against Jason and the disciples

Paul at Berea (10-15)

- Paul and his company escaped to Berea (50 miles SW)
- The noble Bereans (11)
- Jews from Thessalonica came and stirred up trouble
- Paul alone escaped the city to the sea, and traveled to Athens sending back word for Silas and Timothy to join him there (14-15)

Paul at Athens (16-34)

- Athens 250 miles South. Remained in Paul's time the cultural, philosophical and intellectual capital of the world.
- Greek philosophers asked Paul to address them concerning his faith ("new doctrine) at the Areopagus (cf. 21)
- Paul's address (22-31)
 - Begins with a conciliatory tone (22-23)
 - Identifies the true God (23b-29)
 - Calls the Athenians to repentance (30)
 - Proclaims Jesus as Judge, and gives for evidence the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (31)
- Some mocked at the concept of the resurrection (32)
- Others were interested, but did not commit (32)
- Some believed ("Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them") (34)

Student Notes: