

Acts 17:1-15

v1-Amphipolis	(proper noun)	a city. See map
v1-Apollonia	(proper noun)	a city. See map
v1-Thessalonica	(proper noun)	a city . See map
v1-synagogue	(noun)	the building where Jews met together to worship God and learn from the Scriptures
v2-custom	(noun)	a usual way of behaving
v2-Sabbath	(proper noun)	Saturday. The day of rest for Jews.
v2-reasoned with	(phrasal verb)	tried to persuade someone to believe something by using sensible arguments
v2-Scriptures	(proper noun)	God's word. In those days, it meant the Old Testament.
v3-the Christ	(proper noun)	the Messiah; the anointed one of God; the King that God promised would come. the Christ (Jesus) was the perfect man. He was sinless. Christ took the penalty (punishment) for sin by dying in our place on the cross
v3-rise from the dead		to come alive again after being dead
v3-proclaiming	(verb)	saying something publicly
v4-persuaded	(verb)	convinced; reasoned with until they accepted it
v4-prominent	(adjective)	important
v5-jealous	(adjective)	envious; wanting what someone else has
v5-rounded up	(verb)	brought together
v5-characters	(noun)	individuals
v5-marketplace	(noun)	a small area in a town or city where goods are bought and sold, often outdoors.
v5-mob	(noun)	a large, disorganised, and often violent crowd of people
v5-riot	(noun)	a crowd of people who behave violently in a public place; street fighting
v6-dragged	(verb)	made someone go where they did not want to go
v6-officials	(noun)	people in a position of authority
v7-defying	(verb)	resisting; refusing to obey and behave in a certain way
v7-Caesar	(proper noun)	a title for the Roman Emperor (ruler)
v7-decrees	(noun)	official orders or decisions especially one made by the ruler of a country
v8-turmoil	(noun)	confusion; disorder; uproar
v9-(post) bond	(noun)	(pay) an amount in cash as a guarantee that a person will appear in court.
v10-Berea	(proper noun)	a city. See map
v11-noble	(adjective)	honourable; virtuous
v11-eagerness	(noun)	enthusiasm; keenness
v11-examined	(verb)	searched carefully; considered; investigated
v13-agitating	(verb)	disturbing; causing trouble
v13-stirring up	(verb)	causing a bad mood or situation
v14-coast	(noun)	where land meets the sea
v15-escorted	(verb)	accompanied (for protection, guidance, restraint or honour)
v15-Athens	(proper noun)	a city. See map

Acts 17:1-15 (New International Reader's Version)

17:1 Paul and those traveling with him passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia. They came to Thessalonica. A Jewish synagogue was there. ²Paul went into the synagogue as he usually did. For three Sabbath days in a row he talked with the Jews about the Scriptures. ³He explained and proved that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am telling you about is the Messiah!" he said. ⁴His words won over some of the Jews. They joined Paul and Silas. A large number of Greeks who worshiped God joined them too. So did quite a few important women.

⁵But other Jews were jealous. So they rounded up some evil people from the market place. Forming a crowd, they started all kinds of trouble in the city. The Jews rushed to Jason's house. They were looking for Paul and Silas. They wanted to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶But they couldn't find them. So they dragged Jason and some other believers to the city officials. "These men have caused trouble all over the world," they shouted. "Now they have come here. ⁷Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all disobeying Caesar's commands. They say there is another king. He is called Jesus." ⁸When the crowd and the city officials heard this, they became very upset. ⁹They made Jason and the others give them money. The officials did this to make sure they would return to the court. Then they let Jason and the others go.

Paul and Silas Are Sent to Berea

¹⁰As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. When they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹The Berean Jews were very glad to receive Paul's message. They studied the Scriptures carefully every day. They wanted to see if what Paul said was true. So they were more noble than the Thessalonian Jews. ¹²Because of this, many of the Berean Jews believed. A number of important Greek women also became believers. And so did many Greek men.

¹³But the Jews in Thessalonica found out that Paul was preaching God's word in Berea. So some of them went there too. They stirred up the crowds and got them all worked up. ¹⁴Right away the believers sent Paul to the coast. But Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea. ¹⁵The believers who went with Paul took him to Athens. Then they returned with orders that Silas and Timothy were supposed to join him as soon as they could.



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