

Assignments on Acts 17

Read Acts 17 then answer these questions:

1. Where did they go next (see **map**) and what did they do there – 17:1-3?
2. What did Paul try to prove and what authority did he use? (Think: Based on what we have studied, how could he prove this by the Scriptures?)
3. **Define** these terms (KJV). (Think: What can we learn from these terms?)
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- 4 Describe the contrasting reactions in 17:4,5.
5. How was Jason treated and what accusation was made – 17:6-8? (Think: In what sense had Paul and Silas turned the world upside down, and what should we learn?)
6. What did the rulers do to Jason – 17:9? (Think: Were the accusations of v7 true? Where else were such accusations made?)
7. Where did Paul and Silas go next – 17:10 (see **map**)?
8. **Application:** Describe the attitude of the Jews there toward the gospel, and tell what lessons we can learn – 17:11.
9. List other **passages** that teach how diligently we should study the Bible.

10. What effect did the teaching have Bible – 17:12?
11. Who heard of the preaching in Berea, and what did they do – 17:13?
12. Where did Paul go, and where were Silas and Timothy – 17:14,15?
13. How did idolatry in Athens affect Paul? Where did he find people to teach – 17:16,17?
(Think: Research idolatry of Athens. What can you learn can about their idols?)
14. What philosophies did he encounter, and what did they think of his teaching – 17:18?
(Think: What did these philosophies teach? Check dictionaries, etc.)
15. Where did they take Paul so he could speak to them – 17:19? (Think: What was this place like. Check dictionaries.)
16. Why were they interested in his ideas – 17:20,21? (Think: What can we learn about their character from this?)
17. How did Paul introduce his message to the Athenians – 17:22,23? (Think: Explain the wisdom of the teaching approach used here.)
18. Name two works of God in 17:24, and for each one list another passage elsewhere. Why would these people need this instruction?
19. What does God not need from men, and what proves He does not need it – 17:25?

20. **Application:** What expressions in 17:25-28 show our dependence on God, and what lessons should we learn?

21. If we want to find God, what should we do and what assurance is there of success – 17:27? (Think: What applications should be made of this? Do other passages teach this?)

22. What had Athenian poets said about our relationship to God, and what would this mean about the nature of God – 17:28,29 (explain in your own words)?

23. What had God overlooked (winked at), but what does he now command – 17:30? (Think: In what sense did God overlook ignorance? Study other passages.)

24. List two other **passages** about repentance and/or the need for it.

25. What event proves men must repent? What proves this event will occur – 17:31?

26. List two **passages** about judgment and the importance of it.

27. **Special Assignment:** What other sermon have we studied that is similar to this one? How do these sermons differ from preaching done to Jews? Why?

28. What effects did the preaching of the resurrection have on the Athenians – 17:32,33? (Think: Why would the resurrection produce this unusual reaction or interest?)

29. Who was favorably impressed by the message – 17:34?

30. **Application:** Compare the different reactions of the Athenians to the reactions of people today when they hear the gospel.