

Acts 17 – Paul In Thessalonica



Vs. 1-3 – Reasoned from the scriptures, demonstrating that Christ was to suffer and rise again from the dead.

The scriptures make reasonable arguments.

From Gen. to Rev., scriptures make a clear, unified case for Jesus' death and resurrection, why they were necessary.

Before evangelizing, need to be well-versed in scriptures about Jesus' deity, death, and resurrection in prophecy and fulfillment.

Scriptures For Jesus' Deity, Death, Resurrection



Gen. 2:17 – Just penalty for sin is death.

Gen. 3:15 – First prophecy about Jesus' wound.

Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22 – Atonement and forgiveness accomplished through shedding of blood.

Isa. 7:14; 9:6 - Child named Immanuel, Mighty God.

<u>Isa. 53:1-12</u> – One who would be stricken, wounded, bruised, die for our iniquities and transgressions, as an offering for our sins. After which, He would prosper.

<u>Psa. 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-26</u> – Peter's case for why David's prophecy of not seeing corruption applies to Jesus.

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- Acts 2:22-24 Peter affirms Jesus' death and resurrection.
- 1 Pet. 3:18 Peter affirms Jesus death for our sins, made alive by the Spirit.
- 1 Cor. 15:1-8 Jesus died for our sins; many witnesses of His resurrection.
- Rev. 5:6-12 Appearance of "Lamb who was slain," who redeemed men from every people and nation with His blood, but who was now alive.

Become familiar with these verses!

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Vs. 16 – Very Idolatrous city.

Vs. 18 – Paul speaks about Jesus and the resurrection.

Islam is a form of paganism. Note golden calf in Exo. 32.

God taking on flesh, living as a man, sacrificing Himself for the sins of others – the strangest concept imaginable to the Muslim.

Hard to convert a Muslim!

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Vss. 22-31 – Paul's speech at the Areopagus.

Starts with something commendable:

Vs. 22 – Very religious.

Vs. 23 – Altar ascribed "To The Unknown God."

Commendations for Muslims:

Very religious; opposed to polytheism.

Modesty and morality.

Objection to alcohol.

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Assurances to give Muslims:

We share belief that there is only one God.

America is not Christianity.

Roman Catholicism is not Christianity.

"Faith Only" is not true biblical doctrine.

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Vss. 24-31 – About Jehovah God
Creation of world.
Providential oversight of world.
Message of salvation to the world.
Future judgment of world by Jesus Christ.

Assured the world by raising Jesus from the dead.

IMPORTANT:



Know what you believe, know why you believe it, let the word of God do what God assures us it can do.

Remember 1 Cor. 3:6 – It is God who gives the increase.