

**The Jewish Apostle at Mars Hill**

**Acts 17:16-34**

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Introduction

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The background of Athen and Greek culture

The **MINDSET** of Paul (Acts 17:16)

1. Paul is **ALONE IN ATHENS**
2. PAUL IS **ANGERED** by the idolatry of Athens.
3. Implications in responding to postmodernism

The **MINISTRY** of Paul (Acts 17:17-18)

1. The three venues of Paul's ministry (17:17)
  - a. **The Jewish SYNAGAGUE** (Paul proclaims Jesus through out the city.)  
Jews  
Gentile proselytes
  - b. The **MARKETPLACE** (agora)
  - c. The Greek **PHILOSOPHERS**  
EPICUREANS – (11:20)  
STOICS

TWO QUESTIONS FOR PAUL FROM THE GREEKS ABOUT PAUL'S STATEMENTS (Acts 17:18)

Idle **BABBLER**

Proclaimer of strange **DEITIES**

**JESUS. ANASTASIS**

THE **MESSAGE** of Paul (17:22-31)

1. The question of Greek philosophy versus Bible Truth
2. The **SERMON** OF PAUL
  - a. God who **MADE** the world (17:24-25)
  - b. **God the creator of the original HUMAN PAIR** (17:26)
  - c. **NESSITY** to know this **CREATOR -LORD** (17:27)
  - d. All men are God's **OFFSPRING** (17:26-29)
  - e. An illustration about **creation** and **resurrection** – Must start with Creation to Give Framework.  
A. **personal**      God Creator

*Repentance* (17:30)

1. God's **MERCY**
2. Definition of repentance- change of mind/attitude/posture.
3. Relationship to Faith – Everyone must Repent

*Judgment*

1. People are **Accountable** for their sins
2. **HISTORY** is going somewhere.
3. The Greek understanding of judgment (**Hades**)  
**Jesus is the basis for the coming judgment** – exclusive belief in Jesus as THE ONLY WAY

*Resurrection* (17:31)

1. The Cross – Did Paul talk about the Cross?
2. **Resurrection PROVES Jesus' appointment as Judge.**

The **RESPONSE** to Paul's message (32-34)

1. Sneered or Mocked
2. Immortality of the Soul
3. Greeks wanted freedom from the Body. Some put decisions off till later

### **CONCLUSION**

What if you were the only **CHRISTIAN** in this town and area? How well would the Christian faith do?

Would you care about the **JEWISH** who might live in your area? Elsewhere?

Should your attitude be impacted by the fact that the Christian Faith has **ROOTS IN THE JEWISH PEOPLE?**

Do you know the **JEWISH MESSIAH (JESUS)** personally yourself?