

***Sermon Title:* "PREACHING IN THESSALONICA"**

Date: October 8, 2023 - Acts 17:1-9

Central Idea: Know how to explain the gospel using the scriptures. Do you know how to explain the gospel?

Introduction: During his second missionary journey, Paul endeavored to bring the gospel to commercial and administrative centers from which it could be disseminated to numerous places. With his companions, Paul traveled from Philippi to Thessalonica. In the synagogue at Thessalonica, he proclaimed the gospel to the Jews and to the Gentiles.

I. Proclaiming Christ vv. 1-4

- 1. Familiar strategy v. 1**
- 2. Familiar message vv. 2-3**
- 3. Familiar response v. 4**

II. Persecution by the Jews vv. 5-9

- 1. By intimidation vv. 5-6**
- 2. By lies vv. 7-9**

Conclusion: Consider the church today. What do you see? Do you detect a united, strenuous, confident attempt to turn the world upside down? I don't! Some are pushing in one direction, others in another. We seem to be caught up in everything but turning the world upside down. Yet the apostles' primary thrust was just that—reaching the world for Christ. Even their enemies attested to the success of their mission.