

# **WELCOME!**

## **Friday Men's Breakfast**

**March 26, 2021**

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**#11 – Missionary Journey #2: Thessalonica & Berea**

***Acts 17:1-15***

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# Context for Acts 17:1-15





Thessalonica

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (A.D. 49-51)



# Context for Acts 17:1-15 - Thessalonica



Cassander, King of Macedonia (305-297 B.C.)

- **Cassander** renamed Thermai after his wife, Thessalonike (*“Victory against the Thessalians”*) in 315 B.C.
- Wealthiest city in the **Byzantine** Empire
- **Ottoman** occupation (1430-1912)
- Became part of **Greece** in 1912.

# Context for Acts 17:1-15 - Thessalonica



The White Tower of Thessalonica

- Today Thessalonica is called **Salonika**.
- It is the second largest city in Greece (over 1 million people).
- Greece's “**cultural capital**”
- Home to **Aristotle University** (the largest university in Greece).



# Context for Acts 17:1-15 - Berea



- Founded c. 5<sup>th</sup> C. B.C.
- Today Berea is called **Veria** (Greece).
- Important during the reign of Alexander the Great.

# Altar of St. Paul in Berea





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# Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9)

## Acts 17:3

*“This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.”*

## Acts 17:6

*“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also ...”*

## Acts 17:7

*“There is another King, Jesus.”*



# Berea (Acts 17:10-15)

## Acts 17:11

*“... they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”*

# Application for Acts 17:1-15

God's word was *foundational* to Paul's missionary journeys for Jesus.

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## Luke 24:44-47

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that ***everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.***” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “***Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,*** and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

# Application for Acts 17:1-15

**The New Testament is in the Old concealed,  
The Old Testament is in the New revealed.**

- *Am I receiving the word eagerly?*
- *Am I examining the word daily?*



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“The Jews in Berea did not react out of jealousy ... but listened carefully to what Paul preached and compared it to the teachings of their Hebrew Scriptures. Their example of daily Bible study has inspired Christians ever since to do the same. Anyone who listens to new religious truth would do well to compare it with Scripture, as these Jews did.”

**- Tom Constable**

## 2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they ***will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions***, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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# Discussion Questions

- 1) Are you receiving the word eagerly?
- 2) Are you examining the word daily?

Next Week (April 2<sup>nd</sup>):

No Men's Breakfast (Good Friday)

Two Weeks (April 9<sup>th</sup>):

Missionary Journey #2 – Athens (*Acts 17:16-34*)

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