

## MAKING GOD KNOWN Acts 17:16-34

**Big Idea:** *Christians are to proclaim the truth, that the one and only true and living God, can be known through faith in Jesus Christ.*

### 1. The Setting: Paul's brokenness over idolatry \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>16</sup> "Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols."

<sup>17</sup> "So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present."

Luke 19:41 "When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it."

### 2. The Sermon: The true God can be known through \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>19</sup> "And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, 'May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming? <sup>20</sup> For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean.' <sup>21</sup> (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)"

#### SERMON:

- A.) He is the God of creation. (Genesis 1:1)
- B.) He is in control of everything. (Daniel 2)
- C.) He is the sustainer of life. (Colossians 1:17)
- D.) He does not dwell in houses made by men. (Psalm 139)
- E.) He has spoken and will judge the world. (Hebrews 9:27)

John 5:22-24 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. <sup>24</sup> 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death.'"

### 3. The Result: Paul declares the resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>32</sup> "Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."

Matthew 13:18-23 "Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. <sup>20</sup> The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

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