

The Correspondent

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM

Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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It's Time to Turn the World Upside Down

-Renn Ferguson

Imagine for a moment, you are in a foreign land. You are there for three weeks teaching the gospel to the people of a very reputable and wealthy city. While there, you are able to convert many to Christ. Yet, some religious people there who remained unconvinced. Not only were they unconvinced they became jealous because you had taken some from their religion. So, they get a group from the city together and from an angry mob. They find out where you are staying, let's say a brother's home, and begin attacking his house because they want to kill you.

It is hard for us to imagine being in a situation like this. Yet, for the early church and specifically Paul, it seems like it was a normal occurrence. The situation just described is what Paul, Silas, and Jason faced in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9).

Why were these people so angry with Paul and Silas? Notice verses 6-7, "And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

Christians in this day had a reputation of "turning the world upside down". What does he mean by that? Well, the last part of verse seven gives us a clue, "saying that there is another king, Jesus." Paul, Silas, Jason, and all other faithful Christians turned the upside down by teaching the gospel. They were often accused of stirring up these mobs because of their unrelenting declaration of our Lord. This is unfortunately the reaction that some have to hearing the truth. Yet, our brethren continued to teach.

Is it not about time that we, in the twenty-first century, stop being hesitant in teaching the truth? Is it not about time that we turn the world upside down"?

2022 Theme:
More About Jesus

Connections

Men's Day

Leadership

vs

Spiritual

Leadership

with Matt Stewart

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Breakfast Served

