

Proclaiming the Gospel (#38)

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*Paul's Gospel Ministry*

- He "reasoned with them"
- He "explained" the Gospel
- He "gave evidence" that Jesus was the Messiah
- He "proclaimed" the message about Jesus
- They were "persuaded"
- They "joined" Paul and Silas

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- Reaction

*The Charge against Jesus*

"And they began to accuse Him, saying, 'We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.'" (Lk. 23:2)

### Ministry in Berea

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- Their reception there
- Attack led by the Thessalonian Jews

### Paul's Pattern of Ministry

1. Start with natural points of contact
2. Spend time at the village well
3. Establish a beachhead
4. Focus on the responsive
5. Teach the new believers and train leaders
6. Establish a church
7. Provide for their ongoing training

### *Paul's Sacrifice*

"If we look at it from a human point of view, it seems that what Paul was doing was dividing what was already a pitifully small force. Paul had set out to overturn the entire Roman world with just four workers: himself, Silas, Timothy, and Luke, who had joined them along the way. And what does he do? He leaves Luke in Philippi, Silas and Timothy in Berea, and then he goes on by himself to Athens.

### *Paul's Sacrifice*

"Later they rejoin him. But after that he will dispatch them again: Timothy back to Thessalonica and Silas somewhere else—we do not know where. What an inadequate force! Yet what a revolution as men and women everywhere—Jews and Greeks, young and old, slaves and free—were led to Jesus as their Savior. [Boice]"

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