

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 17 1-15



Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised.
Psalm 113:2-3

Praising:

Rise up and serve the Lord!
His kingdom tarries long;
proclaim the day of truth and
love,
and end the night of wrong.

Reading:

Acts 17:1-15
From Thessalonica to Berea to
Athens

Some of the Jews at the
synagogue in Thessalonica
respond positively and join Paul
and Silas, along with a number of
the Greeks and some of the
leading women. But a backlash is
not long in coming. Jason's
mistake was to have entertained
the missionaries as guests, but
it's the charges against the
Christians that are most telling.
Aside from turning the world as
the Jews knew it upside down,

they are also accused of
promoting Jesus as a rival to the
Emperor. Spirited off that night to
Berea, Paul and Silas land up at
yet another synagogue. While the
reception is more friendly and
spiritually productive, it doesn't
take long for the Thessalonica
Jews to descend on Berea and
stir what hostility they can. Paul
escapes hurriedly to Athens.
Silas and Timothy will catch him
up later.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord you long to turn our world
upside down

- to transform us within and
without and make us the new
people you want us to be
- to replace corruption, greed
and injustice with honesty,
generosity and fairness
- to re-orientate and re-balance
our living, with you at the
centre of all things

Father: I know those parts of me
that I hold to myself, that I won't
let you touch, never mind
change. And I also know that
until I let you near them, you
haven't finished with me yet.
Amen

Doing:

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