

# “THREE RESPONSES TO THE RESURRECTION ”

ACTS 17:16-34

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## I. The **SCENARIO** (Acts 17:16-21)

A. The Place (Acts 17:16)

B. The People (Acts 17:17-18)

C. The Problem (Acts 17:18-21)

<sup>18</sup>And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, “What would this idle babbler wish to say?” Others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,”—because he was preaching **Jesus and the resurrection**.<sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus [the city council], 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.”

## II. The **SERMON** (Acts 17:22-31)

A. Observation (Acts 17:22-23)

<sup>22</sup>So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very **religious** in all respects.

B. Explanation (Acts 17:24-29)

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup>nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things; <sup>26</sup>and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, <sup>27</sup>**that they would seek God**, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

C. Application (Acts 17:30-31)

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should **repent**, <sup>31</sup>because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

## III. Your **RESPONSE** (Acts 17:32-34)

<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.**”<sup>33</sup> So Paul went out of their midst. <sup>34</sup>**But some men joined him and believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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