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Text: Acts 17:1-15

Title: What Will You Do With Jesus?

Big Idea: We are all confronted with Jesus, the Christ, and must decide to believe or reject him.

JESUS IS THE CHRIST

Read Acts 17:1-3

What is meant by “Christ” or “Messiah”? Resource (video): <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/the-messiah/>

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Recognize that these are your only two options:

How do we try to treat Jesus like one of many options, *rather* than seeing the only two options as saying “yes” or “no” to Jesus?

Will you reject him?

The Thessalonian Jews violently reject Jesus (see verses 4-9)

- *They rejected Jesus because they were most interested in protecting what was truly important to them* (v. 5). What are you most interested in protecting from Jesus?
- *They used any means and went to great lengths to silence the message about Jesus* (vv. 6-9, 13). When you are confronted with Jesus’ claims on your life, what lengths will you go to in order to silence him? Do you search for reasons *not* to believe?
- *They twisted the truth to justify their rejection of Jesus* (vv. 6-7)

Will you believe in Jesus?

See verses 4 & 12. What do we *mean* when we talk about believing in Jesus? Belief costs us everything we think is important, but it gives us everything that is *really* important.

WILL YOU GIVE THE CLAIMS OF JESUS A FAIR HEARING?

Verses 10-12

- *The Bereans were open and excited about the message.*
- *The Bereans were diligent to verify the truth claims being made.*

Here’s how we can do so:

- **Commit yourself to see what the Bible actually says.**
- **Use your mind and weigh Jesus’ claims with reason.**
- **Test the claims of Jesus with your experience.**