

Listen, Believe, Do



Paul and Silas were missionaries. They went from city to city telling Jews and Gentiles the good news that Jesus had died for the sins of all people.

This is what happened on one of their trips: Paul and Silas went to Thessalonica where there was a Jewish Synagogue. As was his custom, Paul went there, and for three Sabbath days, he reasoned with them, explaining and proving from the Scriptures that it was necessary for Christ to suffer and be resurrected from the dead. And he said, “This Jesus I’m proclaiming to you is the Messiah. The prophets spoke of him. He was crucified, died and rose again on the third day. Now he is in heaven preparing a place for those who believe in him. Jesus will forgive your sins if you repent. Believe in him and you will be saved.”

Some of them believed and accepted Jesus as their Savior. But other Jews became jealous. Then, those who didn’t believe rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and

started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house looking for Paul and Silas to bring them before the town, but they didn’t find them. So they brought Jason and some believers before the city officials, shouting, “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” Upon hearing this, the town and the city officials were upset. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and they released them.

When night came, the believers sent Paul and Silas to Berea. As soon as they arrived, they entered the Jewish Synagogue. The Berean Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica and they received the message with eagerness and searched the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of them believed, and their lives were changed because they decided to learn the Word of God and obey it.

(This Bible story is found in Acts 17).