

## Get Real... “It Only Takes A Few”

📖 Acts 17:6b (NKJV) “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

The devoted delivered the message.

📖 Acts 17:1–3 (NIV) “When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup> As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said.”

📖 Acts 17:4 (NIV) “Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.”

The message disturbed the masses.

📖 Acts 17:5–7a (NIV) “...the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has welcomed them into his house.”

📖 Acts 17:7b-8 (NIV) “They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” <sup>8</sup> When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil.”

📖 1 Peter 3:15a (NIV) “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.”

📖 Ephesians 1:22 (Msg) “He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church.”

📖 Acts 17:9–10 (NIV) “Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. <sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.”

**Digging Deeper**— What are you most devoted to? What message defines you? Do you know Jesus? Is Jesus the King of your heart? Is Jesus sitting on the throne of your life? Why is it easier to follow the crowd than make a stand? What is the real cost of following the crowd? Can you give an example when someone turned against you? Is there anyone in heaven or going there because of your testimony?