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**Study No. 2**  
**Paul in Thessalonica and Berea**

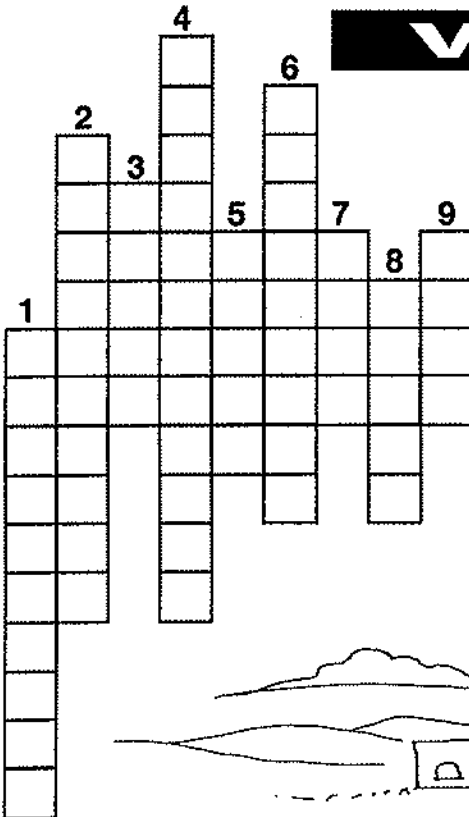
**Read** Acts 17: 1-14

Suggested Further Reading  
 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

**Key Verse** Acts 17: 11

After passing through a few cities, Paul came to Thessalonica, which was situated at the crossroads of the main east-west and north-south highways. Paul's stay in this city appears to have been very short.

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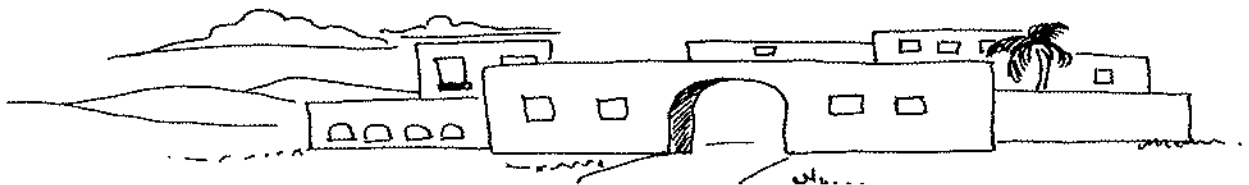


**Clues**

1. One of the places which Paul passed through.
2. Paul discussed these with the Jews.
3. The crowd attacked this man's house.
4. The first town where Paul stopped, in the Bible Reading.
5. One of those who stayed on in Berea.
6. Paul went as usual to this building.
7. The crowd claimed Paul was trying to set Jesus up as another .....
8. The believers sent Paul and Silas away from Thessalonica as soon as it was .....
9. Paul argued that Christ should rise from the .....

**Colour in the name of the other place through which Paul passed. (It is written across the Word Grid.)**

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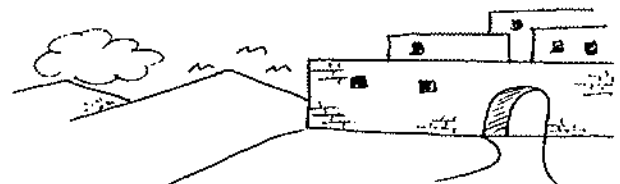


From their reading of the Old Testament, the Jews must have been expecting the Messiah, (the Christ). However, the idea of a Messiah who would die was strange to them. Paul used the Old Testament to prove that this had to be so, and he went on to show that Jesus had fulfilled all that had been written about the suffering Messiah. Therefore, Jesus was indeed the Christ, or Messiah. Some accepted the truth of this, and became Christians. **A short time later, Paul wrote a letter to these new Christians. We call it '1st Thessalonians'.** **How does he describe the newly formed church? (1 Thessalonians 1: 1)**

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Having established a church in Thessalonica, Paul had to leave the city rather hurriedly. As usual, the unbelieving Jews stirred up trouble, the reason being that they were jealous.



**How did these jealous Jews set the city in an uproar?**


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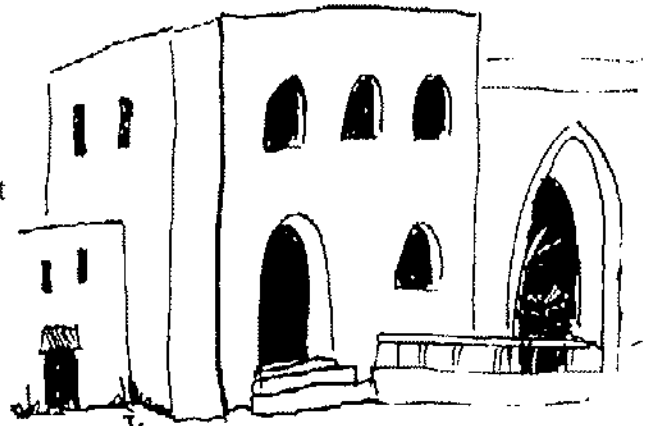
**Write out what they said about Paul and his companions.**


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Apparently, the Jews thought that Paul and his friends were in the house of Jason. Perhaps this was where Paul was living while in the area. Jason and other believers were dragged out and falsely accused.

Since Paul was not present, the rulers were limited in what they could do. They let Jason and the rest out on bail, on the understanding that the bail money would be given back to them if there was no more trouble in the city.

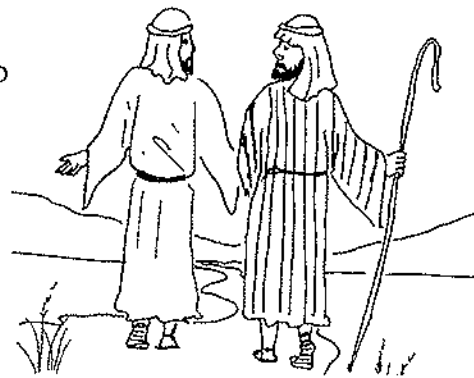
Paul left Thessalonica and pushed on further into Macedonia, coming to the town of Berea.



**How did the Jews in Berea react to Paul's words?**


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This should be our response to the preaching of God's Word also. We should be eager to listen, our minds and hearts ready to receive the Word. We should daily feed on the Word of God (Joshua 1: 8) by reading our Bibles. Such an earnest searching of the Scriptures could only result in many believing - as at Berea. If we search the Scriptures desiring to know the truth, then we will find the Truth - the Lord Jesus Christ Himself - and true faith will follow.



**Once again, Paul had to leave in a hurry. Why?**


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