

*“Journeys With Paul”*  
*Lesson Seven: An “Unknown” God in Athens*

Read Acts 17:15 - 34

Understanding the Text

1. Where is Athens and what do we know about this city?
  
2. Explain what it means when Luke writes that Paul’s “spirit was being provoked within him.”
  
3. Who is Paul reasoning with, and why do you think this might be significant?
  
4. Who are the Epicureans and Stoics?
  
5. What is the Areopagus and what happens there?
  
6. Describe Paul’s approach to preaching to the Athenians.
  
7. How does Paul describe God and where has Paul made a similar description before?

8. Explain Paul's statement that God "overlooked the time of ignorance."  
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9. What does Paul say that God is expecting all men to do and why is God expecting this?
10. According to Paul, what is the proof of God's ultimate plan?
11. How does Paul's audience respond to his sermon?

### Applying the Text

- What keys about persuading people to obey the gospel are revealed in the events of Athens?
- Acts 17:16 says that Paul was distressed about the idol worship in Athens. How did Paul deal with his distress and what can we learn from this?
- How could Paul describe the Athenians as "very religious" even though they worshipped idols? How might we use this information today?
- In what ways do people today still have an "Athenian" attitude and how can we help them?