

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 17:5-10



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6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

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- The Roots of a Riot
 - Source = “Jews which believed not” (from the synagogue)
 - Motive = “moved with envy”

Original Word: ζηλόω

Transliteration: zéloó

Definition: (a) intrans: I am jealous, (b) trans: I am jealous of, with acc. of a person; I am eager for, am eager to possess, with acc. of a thing. (envy)

zē/óō (an onomatopoetic word, imitating the sound of boiling water) – **properly, to bubble over because so hot (boiling); (figuratively) "to burn with zeal"**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2206.htm>

- Associates = “certain lewd fellows of the baser sort”

Original Word: ἀγοραῖος

Transliteration: agoraaios

Definition: a lounge in the market-place, perhaps with the idea of agitator.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/60.htm>

In, of or belonging to the market place

Frequenting the market place

Hucksters, petty traffickers, retail dealers

Idlers, loungers, the common sort, low, mean vulgar

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong=G60&t=KJV>

Original Word: πονηρός,

Transliteration: ponéros

Definition: evil, bad, wicked, malicious, slothful. (baser sort)

ponēros – properly, *pain-ridden*, emphasizing the inevitable agonies (misery) that always go with *evil*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4190.htm>

- Techniques =
 - “gathered a company”
 - “set all the city on an uproar”
 - “assaulted the house of Jason”

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and **went into the synagogue on the sabbath day**, and sat down. ...

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But **when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy**, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. ...

50 But **the Jews stirred up** the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and **raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.**

- The Gentiles in Philippi caused the uproar.

Acts 16:20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying,
These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,
21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive,
neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the
magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat
them.

(5) The Solution at Thessalonica, 17:6-10a

(a) Jason's Unfair Arrest, 27:6a

“And when they found them not,
they drew Jason and certain
brethren unto the rulers of the
city...”

Original Word: σύρω

Transliteration: suró

Definition: I draw, drag, force away.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4951.htm>



<https://rideanddrive.gr/arch-arch-of-galerius-.html>

Original Word: πολιτάρχης

Transliteration: politarchés

Definition: a ruler of a city, city magistrate.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4173.htm>

(b) Jason's Unfounded
Arraignment, 17:6b-7 "...crying,
**These that have turned the
world upside down** are come
hither also; 7 Whom Jason hath
received: and these all do
**contrary to the decrees of
Caesar, saying that there is
another king, one Jesus."**

Original Word: ἀναστατόω

Transliteration: anastatóō

Definition: (perhaps a political metaphor), I turn upside down, upset, unsettle.

anastatóō – properly, turn something over (up to down), i.e. to *upset* (*up-set*), raising *one* part up *at the expense of another* which results in dislocation (confusion); to *unsettle*, make disorderly (*dis-orderly*). <https://biblehub.com/greek/387.htm>

Original Word: οἰκουμένη

Transliteration: oikoumené

Definition: (properly: the land that is being inhabited, the land in a state of habitation), the inhabited world, that is, the Roman world, for all outside it was regarded as of no account. <https://biblehub.com/greek/3625.htm>

(c) Jason's Unfortunate Arrangement,
17:8-10a

i. The Problem of the Justices,
17:8

Acts 17:8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

Original Word: ταραάσω

Transliteration: tarassó

Definition: I disturb, agitate, stir up, trouble.

tarássō – properly, put in *motion* (to agitate back-and-forth, shake to-and-fro); (figuratively) to set in motion what *needs to remain still* (at ease); to "trouble" ("agitate"), causing inner perplexity (emotional agitation) from getting *too stirred up inside* ("upset").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5015.htm>

ii. The Promise of Jason, 17:9-10a
“9 And when they had **taken security of Jason**, and of the other, they let them go. 10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea...”



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Conclusion

1 Thess. 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you **sounded out the word of the Lord** not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and **how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**

14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:

15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.