

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2
Making The Message of Jesus Plain
Acts 17:1-34 (page 770)

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**Making the good news about Jesus plain to others
requires understanding their context.**

**Abiblical context – in Thessalonica and Berea Paul:
(Acts 17:1-15)**

- reasoned with them from the Scriptures (v 2)
- explained the Scriptures (v 3)
- proved that Jesus is Messiah (v 3)
- proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ (v 3)

The result:

- Some received the message (v 4, 11-12)
- Some rejected the message (v 5-7; 13)

Anon-biblical context – in Athens Paul: (Acts 17:16-34)

- Starts with an area of agreement rather than difference (v 22)
- Arouses their interest (v 23)
- Presents God's greatness as Creator (vs 24)
- Establishes God's goodness as Provider (v 25)
- Presents' God's governornorship as Ruler (vs 26-29)
- Evidences God's grace as Savior (vs 30-31)

The result:

- Some ridiculed (v 32)
- Some procrastinated (v 32)
- Some believed (v 34)

**Remember. My responsibility is to present the message of
Jesus; the fruit is God's responsibility.**