

PAUL SPEAKS IN ATHENS**Acts 17:16-34**

16 Paul was in Athens [the **main city** in **Greece**]. He walked **around** the city and saw **many**, many **idols** – the city was **full** of idols. The idols **upset** Paul **very** much. 17 So Paul went to the **market place** every day. He **explained about** Jesus to the people in the market place.

18 Some **Greek philosophers** came to the market place – and the philosophers **began** to **argue** with Paul. Some of the philosophers said, “Paul is a **blabbermouth**. What is he talking about?” **Other** philosophers said, “Paul is talking about **gods** from **foreign countries**.” But, **actually**, Paul was talking about Jesus. Paul was saying: Jesus **died** on the **cross** for **everyone** – then Jesus **became alive again**.

19 The philosophers took Paul to the **famous**, Greek **Council Meeting**. At the meeting, they said to Paul, “You are teaching **new** things. We **want to know** what you are teaching. 20 You are saying **strange** things to us. What does it **mean**?”

22 Then Paul **stood up**. Paul said, “Men of Athens! I walked around your city – and I looked at your many idols and **altars**. You are very **religious**. 23 I **even** saw a **special** altar. On the altar was **written**: A GOD WE DO NOT KNOW. You worship a God you do not know, so I will **tell** you about him.

24 “The God (you do not know) made the **world** – and he made **everything** in the world. **This** God is the **Lord** of **heaven** and **earth**. This God does not **live** in a **temple made by** people. 25 People do not **help** this God – **because** this God **needs nothing**. Actually, this God **gives** everything to us! He gives all people **life** and **breath**.

26 “This God made the people of **every** country – he made every country from one man [**Adam**]. He wanted people to **fill** the **whole** earth. This God **decided** the **exact place** for each country – he decided the exact place **where** the people from each country **should** live. And he decided the exact **time when** people should live there.

27 “**Why** did God do this? This God wants people to **look for** him. Then, **maybe** they will **reach out** for him. And maybe they will **find** him – because this God is **close** to you and to me. 28 This God is close to us because we live in him – we **move** in him – we **exist** in him. Your Greek **poets** said, “We are God’s children” – and that is **true**.

29 “**If** we are God’s children, **then** this God is not made of **gold** or **silver** or **stone** – we should not think this. This God is not a **statue** or **picture** that people made. This God did not come from people’s **imagination**. We did not make him with our hands. 30 No, this is **ignorant** thinking. So this God **commands** all people everywhere: You **must** **repent**.

31 “We must repent because this God will **judge** the world. God **already scheduled** the

day he will judge the world – and God already **chose** the judge – the judge is Jesus Christ. We all know that Jesus Christ is the judge. Why? Because Jesus died – then God made Jesus alive again.”

32Some people at the Council Meeting **laughed** – some said, “We want to **hear more**” –
34and a **few** believed.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did Paul see in Athens? (verse 16)
- **How** did Paul **feel** about the many idols in Athens? (verse 16)
- **Who** did Paul talk to in the market place? (verse 18)
- What 2 things did the philosophers say about Paul? (verse 18)
- Was Paul talking about a God from a foreign country? (verse 18)

Who was Paul talking about? (verse 18)

Where did Jesus actually come (to earth) from?

Who did Jesus actually come to earth for?

- Where did the philosophers take Paul? (verse 19)
- (Paul talked at the council meeting.) What special altar did he see in Athens? (verse 23)
- Who is the “God you do not know”? What does he do? (verses 24)
 - How is this God special? – **unique**? (verse 24)
- Does this God live in a temple on earth? (verse 24)
- Can we do anything for this God? (verse 25) Does he need us to help him?
 - What does this God give to us? (verse 25)
- Who gave you your beautiful country? (verse 26) Who gave you your country at this time?

- Why did this God do these things for us? (verse 27)

Why do you think Creator God wants us to look for him and find him?

- Is this God close to us or far from us? (verse 27-28)
 - Where did our life come from? Can we live outside of this God? Can we do anything outside of this God? (verse 28)
- What special relationship do we have with this God? (verse 28)
- What did the Greeks already know about this God? (What did Greek poets say?) (verse 28)

What do you already know about God?

Who do you think God is?

- Did this God come from our imagination? (verse 29)
 - Was this God made by our hands? (verse 29)
 - Why not? (verse 29)

What do you think: Can children make their father?

Do you think that people can make God the Father?

- What does this God want us to do? (verse 30)
 - Who should repent? Who does Creator God want to repent? (verse 30)
 - Why is it important to repent? (verse 31)
- Who will judge the world? (verse 31)
 - How do we know that Jesus is the judge? (verse 31)

Paul	パウロ（イエスの話を国々に広げ、新約聖書の重大な部分を書いた人）
speak - spoke - spoken	話す、語る
Athens	アテネ（ギリシャの都）
main	中心の
city	市
Greece	ギリシア、ギリシャ
around	に回る、～の回り、（歩き）回る
many	多くの、大勢の
idol	偶像
full	満ちる、一杯だ、一杯になる
upset	焦る、焦らせる
very	非常に
market place	市場
explain	説明する、説き明かす
about	について
Greek	ギリシャの人、文化、ことば、料理、など
philosopher	哲学者
begin - began - begun	始める、始まる
argue	言い争う
blabbermouth	おしゃべり
other	他の、他
gods	神々
foreign	外国の
country	国
actually	実際、実際は、実際に
die	死ぬ
cross	十字架
everyone	皆

become - became - became	になる、なる
alive again	再び生きる、復活する
famous	有名
council meeting	会議、議会
new	新しい
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
know - knew - known	知る
strange	おかしい、不思議、珍しい
mean - meant - meant	意味する
stand up - stood up - stood up	立ち上がる
altar	祭壇
religious	宗教心にあつい
even	さえ、でも、まで
special	特別、特別な、特徴ある、特殊、大事な、大切な
write - wrote - written (was written)	書く（と書かれた）
tell - told - told	話をする、伝える、命じる、教える、戒める
world	世、世界
everything	すべて、全部
this	この～
Lord	主、天地創造の神様
heaven	天国
earth	地、地球
live	生きる、住む
temple	神殿
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
by	によって
help	助ける、助け
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
need	必要とする、しなければならない

nothing	何もない、何でもない、無
give - gave - given	上げる、下さる、献げる、与える、差し上げる
life (1 life / 2 lives)	命、人生
breath	息
every	あらゆる、すべての
Adam	アダム（最初の男）
fill	一杯にする、満たす
whole	全部、すべて、全体
decide	決める
exact	ちょうど
place	場所
where	どこ、所在
should	すべき、起こるべき
time	時間、間、時代、～回
when	その時、という時に、いつ
why	なぜ、どうして
look for	探す、探し求める
maybe	もしかしたら、もしかして
reach out	手を伸ばす、探る、探り求める
find - found - found	見つける
close / closer / closer	近い・より近い・最も近い
move	動く、動かす、感動する、移動する、引っ越す
exist	存在する
poet	詩人
true	本当の、真の、純正な
if ... then	もし～ ... ～となる、もしAなら、Bが起こる
gold	金
silver	銀
stone	石

statue	像
picture	絵
imagination	想像、想像力
ignorant	無知な
command	命令する、戒める、命令、戒め
must	しなければならない
repent	悔い改める
judge	裁く、裁判官、裁き人
already	すでに
schedule	スケジュールを立てる
choose - chose - chosen	選ぶ、選択する
laugh	笑う
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]
more	もっと、～より
few	数人、少し

how	どう、どのくらい
feel - felt - felt	感じる
Who	誰
unique	ユニーク
far from	～から遠く離れる