

Thessalonians Study Guide

Proof of your Faith

Acts 17: 1-4

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

Paul consistently went to a place to find an audience to share the good news of the Gospel. Paul did not find the need to debate or argue; but rather he reasoned with them from the scriptures.

Why should the believer in Christ reason from the scriptures and avoid philosophical arguments?

(Read 2 Timothy 2:14-16, 1 Peter 3:16-16)

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What scriptures from the Old Testament did he use to prove this?

Why did Jesus have to suffer?

(Read Leviticus 17:11, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19)

With these scriptures you can now easily defend the faith and articulate why you believe that Jesus is the messiah.