

Series "God At Work" Book Of Acts
"Jesus Was Magnified"
Acts 19:8-22 | Study-35

The title of the message is **"Jesus Was Magnified" Acts 19:17**

The Psalmist David said, Psalm 34:3-4

The word **Magnified** – means *"to make God's greatness more visible and prominent in our life and perception, rather than literally making God bigger."*

Thought Of Our Passage: "When The Word Of God Is Preached, We Should Expect A Collision With Every Form Of Evil."

- 1. Verses 8-10 Word Versus The Heart**
- 2. Verses 11-12 Jesus Versus Disease/Demons**
- 3. Verses 13-17 Religion Versus Demons**
- 4. Verses 18-22 Word Versus The Occult**

1. Verses 8-10 Word Versus The Heart:

Acts 19:8 And he entered the synagogue – Context: Paul is in Asia, in the city of **Ephesus**. Paul is on his **3rd Missionary Journey**. Paul came to **Ephesus** on his **2nd Missionary Journey** and was there very briefly.
Acts 18:19-20

Paul returns on his 3rd trip **Acts 19:1**. When Paul arrives, he finds some disciples, but they were not Christians, they did not have the Holy Spirit.

Ephesus – Literally *"Desirable"* N.T. Times the population 500,000 people.

he entered the synagogue (*Method of Operation*) Paul would first reach out to the Jews with the Gospel, then when rejected would go to the Gentiles.

Paul Boldly Teaches The Word - and continued speaking out boldly
Literally *"Kept on speaking boldly"* **for three months,**

reasoning *"to say thoroughly, preach to speak."*

and persuading them *"to convince, to assure, believe, have confidence, trust, yield."* **about the kingdom of God.** (Born Again) Ruling and reigning through Jesus.

Acts 19:9 Hard And Disobedient – But when some were becoming hardened *"the process of continually hardening the heart"* **(Heart, Attitude)**
1 Thessalonians 2:13

and disobedient, *(Refusal to obey the truth which one knows)*

Matthew 13:19

Ongoing Behavior of a Hardened & Disobedient Heart - speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, "Smear Campaign."

the Way – the term for the followers of Jesus Christ. **John 14:6 "I am the way."**

he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, He left the rejecters of the truth and went to those that would listen.

The Bible Was Paul's Curriculum - reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. The name **Tyrannus** – "*tyrant, or dictator*"

school of Tyrannus lecture hall used by what is believed to be a Philosopher/Educator. Some see this as the beginnings of formal training, 1st Bible College/Seminary.

Acts 19:10 Paul Faithfully Taught The Bible - This took place for two years,

so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. This teaching of the Word was so thorough that it reached to all those in Asia.

2. Verses 11-12 Jesus Versus Disease/Demons:

Acts 19:11 God was performing extraordinary miracles - this was a sovereign work of God. It was said that God did these things.

extraordinary miracles "*something is very unusual, remarkable, or beyond what is normal.*"

by the hands of Paul, - God was doing these special miracles through Paul.

Acts 19:12 handkerchiefs - literally – "*sweat rags*" or **aprons** *Artisan's aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them* - *Luke does not say, that Paul advocated this; Luke reports what people did!*

The context is the spreading of the Word of God, The Authenticity Of Paul's Message:
and the evil spirits went out. Only by God's power and authority

The Authenticity Of Paul's Message: God Granted Authority over disease and demons to demonstrate that the Message Was Divine.

3. Verses 13-17 Relationship Versus Religion:

Acts 19:13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, - the term **exorcists** "*one that binds by an oath or spell, conjure.*"

Practiced in the O.T., Saul had evil spirits, they played music.

1 Samuel 16:14-16

Jesus' spoke of the practice. **Matthew 12:27**

"I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." not in a relationship with Jesus.

Acts 19:14 Sceva, The name means "*left-handed.*"

a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. men that had been brought up in religion.

Acts 19:15 evil spirit - speaks of a demon that is bent on that which is evil.

answered and said to them, "I recognize (acknowledge) Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Acts 19:16 leaped on them (Seven Sons) and subdued all of them and overpowered them, The Bible describes this power as demonized, or demon possessed. **Matthew 8:28**

Physical Problems Associated With Demonic Activity - they were so exceedingly violent literally "*a violent or beyond description savage*" **Mark 5:5**

The Failure of Religion - overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. Man is no match for the devil.

Acts 19:17 This became known to all, - The word got out.

and fear fell upon them all - The whole community was affected by this event.

and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. God used this event with the demon to show that the imitation cannot stand the test.

4. Verses 18-22 Word Versus The Occult:

Acts 19:18 Mark Of Conversion Is Faith - Many also of those who had believed - They placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

kept coming, - This was a great move of God a revival in a pagan city.

Mark Of Conversion Is Confession - confessing (*to agree with, to say it is so*) **and disclosing their practices.** They were coming clean.

Acts 19:19 magic is an old word originally meant "*charms, magical things.*"

Mark Of Conversion Is Abandoning Sinful Ways - brought their books together (*scrolls, containing written charms, prescription's*)

and began burning them in the sight of everyone; literally "*kept on burning.*"

fifty thousand pieces of silver. *Equaled 50,000 days of unskilled labor, or roughly \$5 million to \$7.5 million in modern purchasing power equivalent*

Mark Of Conversion Is Fruitfulness - Acts 19:20 So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. Literally "*kept growing and gaining in strength.*"

Verses 21-22 Paul's Future Plans: Acts 19:21 Paul purposed in the spirit - these plans were all open to God's leading.

to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, - Paul's heart was to bring the offering to help the believers in Jerusalem.

"After I have been there, I must also see Rome." God already is putting this on his heart, but it will intensify as time goes on.

Acts 19:22 He sends his co-workers to prepare the way for the purposed visit.

Application:

1. Am I Fully Devoted With My Ears And My Heart To The Teaching Of God's Word? Cooperating With God, Or Developing A Hard, Disobedient Heart?
2. The Authenticity Of Paul's Message: God Granted Authority Over Disease And Demons To Demonstrate That The Message Was Divine.
3. Spiritual Warfare Must Be Waged Spiritually, Not Physically. It Is Fought By God's People, Through God's Power In God's Way, For God's Glory.
4. A Genuine Conversion Will Be Manifested Through Faith, Confession, Sacrifice, And Fruitfulness.