





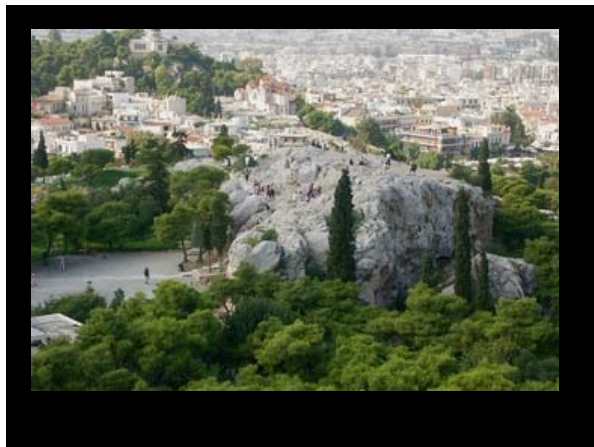


THE CHURCH SCATTERED

- Mars Hill - Areopagus
- Court of capital crimes
- Highest point of truth
- 1 of 3 key hilltops
 - Areopagus
 - Acropolis
 - Olympia

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THE
CHURCH SCATTERED

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.

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City of Athens, Georgia

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17 So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.

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THE CHURCH SCATTERED

18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,"--because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

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- Epicureans - followed Epicurus of 350BC - taught that pleasure was highest purpose of life Mtt 11:28
- Stoics - followed Zeno of 250BC - taught that discipline and virtue were the keys to life John 10:10
- "babbler" - crow cawing in the field while picking up corn (magpie?)

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19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming?"

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20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean."

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21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

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22 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects.

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23 "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

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Unknown God 16-23

- Paul observed 16
- Paul was provoked 16
- agrophobic 17 (market place)
- xenophobic (strange = foreign)
- agnostic - unknown vs. ignorance

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24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

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25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

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26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

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27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

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THE CHURCH SCATTERED

28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

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Creator God 24-28

- Made world and all things!
- Gives life and breath to all
- From one man every nation!
- God is not obscure
- We owe our complete existence to Him

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29 "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

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30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

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31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

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32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."

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33 So Paul went out of their midst.

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34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

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Living God 29-34

- Information
 - Not like silver or gold
 - Not limited to our thoughts
- Invitation
 - Sneered
 - Postponed
 - Believed

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God's convictions

- God is not hard to find, just hard to follow!
- God is Creator!
- God will not be marginalized - you will decide!
- Each One Reach One!

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