

# "God's Power On Display"

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#### 1.) The multiplying power of God's Gospel – v.8-10

2 reasons Paul went to the synagogue 1st

- 1.) **Priority** The gospel is for Jews first, then the Gentiles (ROM 1:16)
- **2.) Evangelism** Paul longed for Jews to come to Christ. (ROMANS 9:2,3, 10:1)

F.F. Bruce said,

"Paul, after spending the early hours of the day at his tent-making devoted the hours of burden and heat to his more important and more exhausting business, and must have infected his hearers with his own energy and zeal, so that they were willing to sacrifice their siesta for the sake of listening to Paul."

#### 2.) The miraculous power of God's work – (v.11-12)

God performed extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul (ACTS 3:1-10, 5:12-16; 19:11-12)

### 1.) To Confirm the messenger

# 2.) To Validate the message

The greatest miracle that you and I get to see is when someone repents of their sin, and believes the gospel. (LK 10:20; JN 3:3; ACTS 3:19; ROM 5:12, 10:13; 2 COR 5:17

There is no such thing as a boring testimony. You were dead, and God made you alive. (LK 15:32; ROM 6:5-11; 2 COR 5:14-21; EPH 2:1-10; COL 2:13-15)

## 3.) The magnifying power of God's purposes – (v.13-17)

The name of Jesus is not a magical charm, but the powerful name of the sovereign Son of God. (MATT 1:21; ACTS 2:38; 4:12, 30; 1 COR 6:11; PHIL 2:9-11; REV 22:13)

Do you know Jesus, or do you know about Jesus?

#### 4.) The mammoth power of God's revival – v.18-20

Repentance is to have a change of mind that leads to a change of life. Repentance is proven when you go public. The change on the inside is seen on the outside. (MATT 3:8; 4:17; ACTS 3:19; 2 COR 7:10)

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