



The Gospel in Context

Acts 13 & Acts 17

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Mark 4:10: And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹

And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and they may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

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- Perform miracles causing people to worship you as gods.

Acts 13:13: Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and

motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you, who fear God,
listen...



Acts 17:22-34

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- Theology: What do you believe about God?

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Epimenides Paradox

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- What do you do with spare time? (What keeps you busy?)

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—Postmodernism:

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- He communicated the gospel in their context