

Vancouver!

It is a City with many modern sculptures.
One was of a Church, which was upside down!

I thought that it should be the Church which turns the world upside down!

2As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead.

The AV states....*6And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;(Authorised Version)*

We need to remember, in all our work for God's Kingdom, the following.....

1. The place of Scripture.

When Paul evangelised, he **reasoned** with the people from the **Scriptures**.

The result was that.....

4Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

.That must be our message.³*"This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,"*

.The **subject** of our evangelism must be **Christ**.

. And the **context** of our preaching must be the **Scriptures**.

2. The bitterness of the opposition.

Because, v4, some believed, the Jews became jealous.

5But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

They did not like the message, so they tried "to shoot the messengers!"

BUT, they never denied that their message was effective.

The preaching of Jesus always produces **change**.

3. The necessity of moving forward.

The lesson we must learn from the **courage** of Paul.

Paul never gave up.

He had been imprisoned in **Philippi**; he had to leave **Thessalonica** under cover of darkness; later in **Berea** he had to flee for his life.

Most would have abandoned the struggle, but Paul remained true to his call.

David Livingstone: "I am prepared to go anywhere, so long as it is forward!"

- *Those that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.*

Wherever the gospel comes, there is a **change**.

It **turned the world upside down** in that place.

Because they won over people to turn from vice to virtue, from idols to the living and true God, from **malice** and **envy** to **love** and **peace**.

Are we prepared to turn the church down side up, and over turn the kingdom of the Devil?