



SERMON NOTES FROM 9.20.26

- SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ACTS 19:1-41

When Jesus takes over

1. Jesus wants more than religious knowledge

Acts 19:1–7

God wants to transform our hearts.

2. The Gospel must move from information to transformation

Acts 19:8–10

The gospel comes to us so that it can eventually travel through us.

3. You cannot borrow someone else's relationship with Jesus

Acts 19:11–20

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured, and the evil spirits left them.

Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

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Jesus is Lord or He is nothing.

Acts 19:17–20

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Sometimes we want forgiveness without surrender. We want Jesus to forgive the old life while allowing us to keep souvenirs from it.

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4. When Jesus changes hearts, idols start losing business

Acts 19:23–27

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

The gospel changed the marketplace because first it changed the heart.

The Gospel will eventually confront our idols

Acts 19:28–34

Acts 19:32

Most of the people did not even know why they were there.

Acts 19:35–41

The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: “Fellow Ephesians, doesn’t all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed

temples nor blasphemed our goddess. If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it.” After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Never confuse noise with power.

What happens when Jesus becomes Lord?

Religion becomes relationship. Borrowed faith becomes personal faith. Hidden sin comes into the light. Old bondage gets burned. Values change. Idols lose their power. And the surrounding culture begins to notice.

What in my life would change if Jesus truly had all of me?

Who is sitting on it?

Jesus, You are Lord

Open the locked room. Bring out the scrolls. Tear down the idols. Get off the throne. And let Jesus have all of you.

Before you ever surrendered anything for Me, I surrendered everything for you.

I laid down My life.

My hands were pierced.

I counted the cost of redeeming you.

Jesus, is there a locked room in my heart?

Jesus, is there something I am protecting that You are asking me to surrender?

Let Jesus into every room.

Let Jesus tear down every idol.

Let Jesus have the throne.