



UPSIDE DOWN

ACTS 17:1-9

Paul and his colleague Silas went to a city called Thessalonica, where they spent three days in the synagogue preaching and teaching the scriptures. They persuaded some people to join them.

But others were not so happy to hear their message. They formed a mob and started a riot in the city. The mob rushed to the house where Paul and Silas were staying, the home of a man named Jason. But when the rioters didn't find Paul and Silas there, they dragged Jason before the authorities and accused him of harboring troublemakers. They told the authorities that Paul and Silas claimed to worship a king called Jesus instead of Caesar. The crowd was angry, but they let Jason post bond and then let him go.

TALK ABOUT THIS ...

Why are the people angry? How does Jesus upset the status quo for them? What is it about his message that sounds upside down to them? Do they have something to lose by following Jesus? What?

How does this happen today? Do we claim to follow Jesus but then fail to truly love others the way Jesus does? Why? Do we have to let go of something, like power or comfort, in order to turn the world upside down by loving people like Jesus does?



SURPRISE

Why does Jesus' message upset the religious leaders? Does that still happen today?



PROGRESS

Think about your family, school or church. Does anything there need to be turned upside down in order to reflect Jesus?



PROGRESS

How are you turning the world upside down with Christ-like love?

FAITH⁵ ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story. TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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