

Series: Upside Down
Message: Trouble...Here & Now
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Acts 17:6

And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,

Introduction:

We continue our series "Upside Down" based on Acts 17:6.

So, three words stand out to me here: trouble, now, here. Trouble, Now, here.

So, in the eyes of the world, the church is supposed to unsettle, to stir up controversy, to cause trouble, not because that is our goal, but because of the direct opposition between the Spirit of God and the Spirit of the Antichrist which now rules in many places in society. When we proclaim Jesus boldly, when we take authority over evil spirits... that alone will stir up trouble and cause the city to seem upside down.

If we are doing it right, it will cause trouble, it will stir up spiritual warfare and it will cause for persecution to come on everyday followers of Jesus.

Jesus said, do not assume I have come to bring peace but a sword.

This verse states "those who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here." Here and now. Here and now. It is time for the church to arise with the message and power of Jesus, knowing full well, it will cause trouble here and now.

I am titling this message. Trouble... Here & Now. Time is ticking on the prophetic clock. We are not looking for trouble, but if we are doing it right, it will find us, here, now.

1 Timothy 2:1-5

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

1 Kings 18:16-18

So, Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals.

Point #1. Trouble

Matthew 5:10-12

2 Timothy 3:12

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Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2 Timothy 3:12

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Point #2. Here

Luke 15:16-18

Matthew 14:17

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He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Matthew 14:17

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

Point #3. Now

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

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As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.