

**Living Water Part 34**  
**Acts 17:1-15**

**The Title Of The Message: “Preaching Jesus”**

**The Key Word: Reasoned**

**The Thought: When we preach Jesus, we must reason from the scriptures, explain what it means, and demonstrate God’s love.**

**The Breakdown:**

**Verses 1-4 Reasoning From The Scriptures...**

**Verses 5-9 Unreasonable Unbelief...**

**Verses 10-15 Berea And The Gospel...**

**Verses 1-4 Reasoning From The Scriptures...**

**Acts 17:1**

**Now when they had passed through...**

**Acts 17:2-3**

**Then Paul, as his custom was...**

**John Powell “Fully Human Fully Alive”**

**Reasoned with them from the Scriptures...**

**First “Reason” Literally “Dialogue”**

**Second he “Explained” Literally “Opened Up Completely”**

**Luke 2:23 (NKJV) (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who “Opens” the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)**

**Acts 7:56 (NKJV) and said, “Look! I see the heavens “Opened” and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”**

**“Opened”**

**Third “Demonstrate or to Prove”**

**Literally “to place beside or to set before”**

**Verse 17:4**

**Verses 5-9 Unreasonable Unbelief...**

**Acts 17:5-6**

**But the Jews who were not persuaded...**

**1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.**

**1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power...**

**Becoming envious...**

**“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”**

**Acts 17:7-9**

**Jason has harbored them...**

**Versers 10-15 Berea And The Gospel...**

**Acts 17:10-12**

**Then the brethren immediately...**

**When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews...**

**Luke 7:40–47**

**These were more fair-minded...**

**First they received the word**

**James 4:4 (NKJV) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

**Secondly they searched the scriptures**

**Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV) As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.**

**2 Timothy 2:14–17**

**Acts 17:13-15**

**But when the Jews from Thessalonica...**

## **Application:**

- 1. If we want to be effective in sharing the gospel we must be able to reason, explain and demonstrate our love for people and for God.**
- 2. When we preach the gospel should be encouraged that some will be saved.**
- 3. We can't just believe what someone says but we must be willing to search the scriptures daily to see if its the truth.**