Upsetting The World

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INTRODUCTION

- I will speak to you a hard truth. I do not write this because I think it will bring me popularity. It won't. But it is truth from the Word of God, the Bible.
- Whenever someone speaks out against something that God calls sin, don't judge, can be heard coming from a thousand lips.
- To keep silent is to not care for their eternal destiny.

1 These Men Who Have Upset the World

Acts 17:1–9; Matthew 27:18; James 3:16

- Why does the gospel cause so much upset? Why does the message of God cause such a problem?
- This Jesus, whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.
- These men who have upset the world have come here also. And Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.
- When you are jealous, you'll do anything to bring someone else down in the eyes of another.

2 A Challenge to a Person's Will

Romans 12:18; Matthew 5:39–41; Matthew 21:43

- Being a Christian actually promotes peacefulness, not upset and conflict.
- Being Christ-like is not particularly bothersome to people.
- So then what is all of the upset about? This is it. Because the message you espouse is a challenge to a person's will.
- You are intimating that salvation can only be obtained through allegiance to the risen King, Jesus Christ. And that by its very nature is indicting to everyone who is not submitted to his reign.
- The kingdom will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruit of it.

3 Who Was Really Responsible for the Upset?

Acts 19:23–41; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 10:34–37

- Who's whipping everybody into a frenzy? Those who were opposed to this message.
- Yes, the people who are reacting negatively are causing the commotion in the city, but this message does that by its very nature.
- The word of God is alive and active, and it's sharper than a two-edged sword.
- He said, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.
- We tell people this is the truth. Embrace it or reject it. It's your decision.

4 Not as Concerned About Our Comfort as Our Salvation

Colossians 4:5–6

- God is not as concerned about our comfort as he is our salvation.
- He's not about their comfort, he was about their spiritual refinement.
- We may need at times to disturb our own comfort. For the sake of our betterment.

5 Not Lack of Pain, but Faith and Transformation of Character

James 1:2–4

- God is not as concerned about our lack of pain as he is our faith and transformation of character.
- And that we are to be patient and let patience have its perfect work.
- It was a humbling thing that helped Paul.

6 Not Our Temporary Circumstances, but Our Eternal Bliss

2 Corinthians 4:16

- God is not as concerned about our temporary circumstances as he is our eternal bliss.
- He knows that whatever we are called upon to endure, it's only temporary.
- While the outer man is decaying, the inner man is being renewed day by day.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you realize its worth even in the midst of that? Do you realize its worth as it brings you from the domain of darkness and into the kingdom of the risen King Jesus?

MY NOTES