



Acts 19:9-10 & Others In Acts
Preaching in Public Forums

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Some Are Hardened, Some Learn

Acts 19:9 (NASB)

But when some were becoming **hardened** and **disobedient**, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, **reasoning** daily in the school of Tyrannus

- Those who reject the truth are hardened
- Some become disciples and learn and grow
- “The Way” is first mentioned in Acts 9:2
- “Reasoning” is *dialegomai* used 10X in Acts starting in 17:2 (of 13 total in NT)

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Review: Public Debate

Acts 17:17, 18 (NASB)

And So he was **reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles**, and in **the market place every day with those who happened to be present**. And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, “What would this idle babbler wish to say?” Others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,”—because **he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection**.

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Extended Ministry in Ephesus

Acts 19:10 (NASB)

This took place for **two years**, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

- Luke refers to the Roman province of Asia
- Ephesus is first mentioned in Acts 18:19 and is also found in chapters 19 and 20
- Ephesians, 1 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Revelation all mention Ephesus

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Paul Before Felix

Acts 24:12-15 (ESV)

...and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. **But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets**, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that **there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust**.

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Paul Before Agrippa

Acts 26:6-8 (ESV)

And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! Why is it thought incredible by any of you that **God raises the dead?**

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Paul Preaches Repentance

Acts 26:19-21 (ESV)

Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but **declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God**, performing deeds in keeping with their **repentance**. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

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Paul Preaches the Resurrection

Acts 26:22-23 (ESV)

To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by **being the first to rise from the dead**, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

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Paul Speaks Rational Words

Acts 26:24-26 (ESV)

And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking **true and rational words**. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, **for this has not been done in a corner**."

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The Universal Call

Acts 26:27-29 (ESV)

King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." And Agrippa said to Paul, "**In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?**" And Paul said, "Whether short or long, **I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am**—except for these chains."

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Paul Had Appealed to Caesar

Acts 26:30-32 (ESV)

Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." And Agrippa said to Festus, "**This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar**."

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