



## Bible Study Notes

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### Acts 19:23

<sup>23</sup> About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.

**Jesus isn't "a" way, He is "The" Way!**

### John 14:6

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### Hebrews 10:19-23

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**If we act and react like the world, we have nothing to offer the world!**

**Darkness is simply the absence of light.**

**Darkness cannot stand to the light of God's Truth!**

### Acts 19:24-27

<sup>24</sup> A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. <sup>25</sup> He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: "You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. <sup>26</sup> And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. <sup>27</sup> There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ will upset the status quo.**



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### Acts 17:29-30

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

### Acts 19:20

<sup>20</sup> In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

***The Gospel of Jesus Christ does not need polishing, it just needs to be presented.***

### Isaiah 44:9-20

<sup>9</sup> All who make idols are nothing,  
and the things they treasure are worthless.  
Those who would speak up for them are blind;  
they are ignorant, to their own shame.  
<sup>10</sup> Who shapes a god and casts an idol,  
which can profit nothing?  
<sup>11</sup> People who do that will be put to shame;  
such craftsmen are only human beings.  
Let them all come together and take their stand;  
they will be brought down to terror and shame.  
<sup>12</sup> The blacksmith takes a tool  
and works with it in the coals;  
he shapes an idol with hammers,  
he forges it with the might of his arm.  
He gets hungry and loses his strength;  
he drinks no water and grows faint.  
<sup>13</sup> The carpenter measures with a line  
and makes an outline with a marker;  
he roughs it out with chisels  
and marks it with compasses.  
He shapes it in human form,  
human form in all its glory,  
that it may dwell in a shrine.  
<sup>14</sup> He cut down cedars,  
or perhaps took a cypress or oak.  
He let it grow among the trees of the forest,  
or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow.  
<sup>15</sup> It is used as fuel for burning;  
some of it he takes and warms himself,  
he kindles a fire and bakes bread.



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*But he also fashions a god and worships it;  
he makes an idol and bows down to it.  
<sup>16</sup>Half of the wood he burns in the fire;  
over it he prepares his meal,  
he roasts his meat and eats his fill.  
He also warms himself and says,  
"Ah! I am warm; I see the fire."  
<sup>17</sup>From the rest he makes a god, his idol;  
he bows down to it and worships.  
He prays to it and says,  
"Save me! You are my god!"  
<sup>18</sup>They know nothing, they understand nothing;  
their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see,  
and their minds closed so they cannot understand.  
<sup>19</sup>No one stops to think,  
no one has the knowledge or understanding to say,  
"Half of it I used for fuel;  
I even baked bread over its coals,  
I roasted meat and I ate.  
Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left?  
Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"  
<sup>20</sup>Such a person feeds on ashes; a deluded heart misleads him;  
he cannot save himself, or say,  
"Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?"*

### **Isaiah 57:13**

*<sup>13</sup>When you cry out for help,  
let your collection of idols save you!  
The wind will carry all of them off,  
a mere breath will blow them away.  
But whoever takes refuge in me  
will inherit the land  
and possess my holy mountain.*

### **Acts 19:28-41**

*<sup>28</sup>When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>29</sup>Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. <sup>30</sup>Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. <sup>31</sup>Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.  
<sup>32</sup>The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. <sup>33</sup>The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front, and they*



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shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. <sup>34</sup> But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

<sup>35</sup> The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: "Fellow Ephesians, doesn't all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? <sup>36</sup> Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. <sup>37</sup> You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. <sup>38</sup> If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. <sup>39</sup> If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. <sup>40</sup> As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it." <sup>41</sup> After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

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