

# Acts 17:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

## Analysis

**The brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea—** The Thessalonian believers demonstrated spiritual wisdom and protective love by swiftly evacuating Paul and Silas under cover of darkness. The Greek εὐθέως (euthéōs, "immediately") emphasizes the urgency; the mob violence instigated by jealous Jews (v. 5-9) made delay dangerous. Berea lay 50 miles southwest, off the main Egnatian Way, offering strategic obscurity.

**Who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews—** Paul's unshakable missionary pattern: despite persecution in Thessalonica, he returned first to the synagogue in Berea (cf. Romans 1:16, "to the Jew first"). This reflects both theological priority (Israel's covenant privilege) and practical strategy (God-fearers in synagogues formed the initial nucleus of Gentile churches). The text hints at Paul's apostolic resilience—beaten, mobbed, and night-fled, yet immediately resuming gospel proclamation.

## Historical Context

Acts 17 documents Paul's second missionary journey (AD 49-52) through Macedonia. Berea (modern Veria, Greece) was a Macedonian city with a significant Jewish community. The synagogue strategy was standard for Diaspora Judaism: Saturday Sabbath gatherings provided natural access to both Jews and "God-

fearing" Gentiles who attended. Luke wrote Acts circa AD 60-62, emphasizing the gospel's spread despite opposition.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How do the Thessalonian believers model protective care for gospel ministers facing persecution today?
2. What does Paul's immediate return to synagogue ministry reveal about mission priority versus personal safety?

## Interlinear Text

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Οἱ δὲ ἀδελφοὶ εὐθέως διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἐξέπεμψαν  
G3588 And the brethren immediately by night sent away  
G1161 G80 G2112 G1223 G3588 G3571 G1599

τόν τε Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σιλᾶν εἰς Βέροιαν οἴτινες  
G3588 G5037 Paul and G3588 Silas into Berea who  
G3972 G2532 G4609 G1519 G960 G3748

παραγενόμενοι εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν τῶν Ἰουδαίων  
coming into G3588 the synagogue G3588 of the Jews  
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ἀπήεσαν  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 17:2** (References Paul): And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

**Acts 20:4** (Parallel theme): And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

**1 Thessalonians 2:2** (Parallel theme): But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

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