



# Sermon Notes

**Acts 17:16-32 | October 6th**

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## Outline

Every \_\_\_\_\_ tells a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ can't be \_\_\_\_\_  
together

We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ we are  
\_\_\_\_\_ out

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ not accidental

\_\_\_\_\_ not Individualistic

\_\_\_\_\_ not reductionistic

**Other Passages referenced: 2 Corinthians 10:5-6,  
Colossians 1:15-19, John 15:13**

*How does the Christian story of creation differ from other cultural explanations of how we got here? Can you think of three areas where those stories create very different outcomes?*

*Summarize how Paul interacted with the Athenians? What can we learn about interacting with people that have different views of life?*

*Can you think of a time where the Christian story was attacked and you didn't know how to respond? What do you wish you did differently?*

*During the sermon Sam said "conflicting stories can't be held together." Can you think of areas in your life where you might be trying to blend incompatible worldviews?*

*Reflecting on 2 Corinthians 10:5-6, Can you think of ways in your life where you need to "take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ" in our current cultural context?*

*The sermon suggests that removing God from our worldview leads to a loss of moral absolutes. Do you agree? Why or why not?*

*How might understanding ourselves as part of a "communal" rather than purely "individual" story change how we live and interact with others?*

*Digging Deeper*

*Colossians 1:15 describes Jesus as "the image of the invisible God" and "the firstborn over all creation." How does this description challenge or enhance your understanding of Jesus' nature and His relationship to God the Father?*

*In verses 16-17, Paul emphasizes Christ's role in creation, stating that all things were created "by him and for him" and that "in him all things hold together." How might this perspective on Christ's cosmic role impact our view of the natural world and our place in it?*

*Verse 17 says that Christ "holds all things together", how does this affect your trust in Him during uncertain times? Can you identify an area of your life where you need to trust His sustaining power more fully?*

**WHAT'S ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT  
BASED ON THE SERMON?**

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**IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT  
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?**

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**WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST  
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?**

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