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## The Sharp Edges of Easter

Acts 17:16-21, 29-34

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### INTRODUCTION: THE SECULARIZATION THESIS

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:16-21, 29-34

*16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he began reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.*

*18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also began to converse with him. And some said, "What is this seed-picker trying to say?"*

*Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign deities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." 21 (Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.)*

*...29 "Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God has overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has furnished proof to all by raising him from the dead."*

*32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to mock. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." 33 So Paul went out from their midst, 34 but some people joined him and believed, among whom were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.*

THE SHARP EDGES OF EASTER

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*A definition*

*An observation*

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