



# THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

NEILL GIBSON

2B

# **RUMORS FROM ICONIUM**

SESSION 2B

# MAIN POINTS:

- Biographical story
- Paul's "synagogue message"
- "According to the Scriptures"
- "My Gospel"

# **RUMORS FROM ICONIUM**

TIMOTHY'S GRANDMOTHER RETURNS AGLOW WITH NEWS

# PAUL'S "SYNAGOGUE MESSAGE"

- Acts 13
- Historical origin, Davidic descent
- Jesus' crucifixion
- "But God raised Him from the dead"
- "OT" Scriptures show continuity
- Believe, receive forgiveness
- Controversy develops (both places)



# "ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES"

- 1 Cor. 15:1-3
  - Died = Isaiah 53
  - Raised = Psalm 16
- In Acts 13 =
- In Acts 2 =



# "MY GOSPEL"

- Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified (Gal. 3:1)
- 2 Tim. 2:8
  - Ownership
  - "It's the one I preach"
  - Comprehensive
- Acts 13 is the example before us



"The gospel creates allegiance, not 'experience' *per se*. ...

The gospel is the royal announcement. No herald in the ancient world would say, 'Tiberius Caesar has become emperor: accept him if it suits you!' The gospel *does* offer a new way of life, which will ultimately be the way of self-fulfillment. But first it offers the cross: the cross of Jesus, and the cross which the risen Lord offers to his followers. ...

The only experience guaranteed by Jesus' summons is that of carrying the cross."

*-N.T. Wright, in What Saint Paul Really Said*



# "MY GOSPEL"

"JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN MESSIAH, IS LORD!"

- Romans 1:1-6
  - Scriptural
  - Davidic
  - Resurrected
  - Apostolic commission to Gentiles
- Romans 1:16-18
  - Power of God for salvation (Ch. 6-8)
  - To the Jew first and also to the Greek (Ch. 9-11)
  - Righteousness of God by faith (Ch. 1-4)

# "MY GOSPEL"

"JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN MESSIAH, IS LORD!"

- **Crucified**
  - This is shocking
  - Royal victory
- **Risen**
  - Didn't just come back, but through the other side (1 Cor. 15)
- **King**
  - Messiah, kingly title
  - Davidic inheritance
- **is Lord**
  - King of all the earth

“Ultimately, for the Roman point of view, there was only one Lord of the world. According to Paul, he now had a rival. ...

‘Another king’ – as Paul knew only too well, people tend to get put in prison for saying that sort of thing. We should not be surprised to discover that that was where Paul was when he wrote half of his letters.”

*-N.T. Wright, in What Saint Paul Really Said*

# **RUMORS FROM ICONIUM**

SESSION 2B



# THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

NEILL GIBSON

2B