

SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

Acts: The Beginning of a New Kingdom

Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem and Removal to Caesarea Quarter Four, Lesson Eleven

Focus Text: Acts 21, 22, & 23

Other Readings: Romans 1. 8 – 17; 2. 12 – 29; 1 Corinthians 9. 1 – 23

CONTENT

1. In what cities did Paul visit with disciples in the course of his travels from Ephesus to Jerusalem?
2. What did Agabus prophecy about what Paul would experience in Jerusalem?
3. What word had been spread among Jewish believers in Jerusalem concerning Paul's teaching? In what respect was it inaccurate?

What did Paul decide to do in order to counteract the false report about his teaching?
4. Of what did the Jews from Asia claim Paul was guilty (21. 27 – 29)?
5. As Paul began his defense before the Jews at the beginning of chapter 22, in what ways did he try to establish common ground?
6. According to his report (in 22. 10 – 16), how was Paul qualified to be an apostle?
7. At what point in Paul's defense does his audience refuse to listen further?
8. Why does the centurion change his mind about scourging Paul?
9. What triggered the dispute between factions of the assembly Paul was addressing in chapter 23?
10. What ominous reassurance did the Lord give Paul that night?

Lesson continues. . . .

11. Why did the Roman commander send Paul out of Jerusalem by night?

12. In his letter to the governor Felix, how did the commander describe the charges against Paul?

CONNECTIONS

1. In the first chapter of his letter to the saints in Rome, Paul tells them about a long-standing desire of his. What was that desire? Has it been mentioned in Acts?

2. How do Paul's experiences in Jerusalem illustrate what he says about the Jews in Romans 2?

What does he teach the Roman Christians (also in chapter 2) about circumcision and the Law of Moses?

3. What is Paul's central point in 1 Corinthians 9?

What light does it shed on his decision, in response to the false information Jewish Christians had heard about him (as reported in Acts 21), to go through a Jewish ritual of purification in Jerusalem?

In what circumstances can we apply the point made in 1 Corinthians 9 to our own practice, and how?

4. Where else in the book of Acts have we already encountered an instance of Paul's using his Roman citizenship?

5. Review the list Paul provides in 2 Corinthians 11. 22 – 29 of the hardships he has endured for the gospel. Which items in the list might refer to incidents in today's lesson?

PLACES

On your map of the eastern Mediterranean region, finish tracing the route of Paul's third preaching tour. (At the end of lesson 10 we left him at Miletus. Bring him the rest of the way to Jerusalem.)