

PAUL'S TESTIMONY BEFORE A HOSTILE MOB (Acts 21:31–22:30)

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1. Paul's Arrest & Testimony in Jerusalem (21–23)

a) Paul's Final Journey to Jerusalem (21:1-16)

b) Paul's Lapse into Legalism at Jerusalem (21:17-30)

- *How could Paul's purification and offerings done in his sponsorship of four men fulfilling their Nazirite vows (vv. 23-26) be considered a lapse back into legalism if these practices of the Law will be reinstated during the Millennial reign of Christ?*

- *Did James and company ever see the inconsistency of mixing Law and Grace in the church age?*

- *What four charges did the mob make against Paul?*

- *How did Paul respond when falsely accused?*

c) Paul Mobbed & Taken into Roman Custody (21:31-40)

1) God used the intervention of the _____ stationed in Jerusalem to save Paul's life, which included the _____ (*chiliarch*, Claudius Lysias, 23:26), at least _____, and at least _____ soldiers. (vv. 31-32)

2) For his protection and interrogation, Paul was bound with two chains (probably between two soldiers) and taken back to the _____ of _____. (vv. 33-36)

- *What should we remember about the real source of our safety and protection? (Prov. 18:10; Nah. 1:7)*

- *What citizenship status did Paul have and why is this important? (vv. 37-40)*

d) Paul's Defense before the Jerusalem Mob (22:1-21)

1) Paul's _____ (*apologia*) before the Jerusalem mob was the first of _____ defenses in Acts 22–28, where he essentially shares his _____ of _____ in Jesus Christ. (v. 1)

- *What does this say about Paul's priorities?*

2) His testimony began with his _____ background and credentials as a zealous, law-keeping Jew. (vv. 2-5)

3) Paul's testimony shifted to the _____ of his salvation on the road to Damascus when he _____ of the glory of Christ and instantly understood the gospel, which he previously knew but had rejected. (vv. 6-11)

- *What evidence shows that Paul was already saved before getting water baptized?*

- *What interpretation of verse 16 fits best with the context?*

- *What transpired historically in Paul's life between verses 16 and 17?*

4) The Jewish mob in Jerusalem was triggered by the mere mention of Paul being commissioned by Christ to go to the _____. (vv. 17-22)

- *What factors contributed to the mob's reaction here?*

e) Paul's Use of Roman Citizenship (22:22-30)

1) Since the commander still didn't know if Paul was innocent or guilty of inciting a violent mob, he ordered him to be tortured and interrogated through scourging with a _____, just like _____ (Matt. 27:26; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24). (vv. 23-24)

2) The binding and treatment of Paul to this point was _____ for a Roman citizen, especially one of higher _____ than even the commander. (vv. 25-29)

- *If Paul was an uncondemned Roman citizen, why did the commander bring him before the Sanhedrin? (v. 30)*