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Away With Him!

Acts 21:27-40

I. The Accusations of the Jewish Mob (vv. 27-30)

- A. Paul is teaching against the _____ (vv. 27-28a)
[Acts 14:19; 16:19-24; 17:5-8, 13; 19:25-34; Acts 6:11-14; Rom. 9:1-5; 10:1]
- B. Paul is teaching against the Mosaic _____ (v. 28b)
[Acts 21:20; Matt. 5:17; Eph. 2:14-16]
- C. Paul is teaching against the _____ (v. 28c)
[Mk. 14:57-58; Jn. 2:18-22; Acts 6:13; 1 Cor. 9:19-23]
- D. Paul has _____ the temple by bringing in a Gentile (v. 28d-30)
[Acts 20:24; Eph. 2:14-16; 2 Kgs. 11:15]

II. The Arrest by the Roman Soldiers (vv. 31-36)

- A. The _____ action by the commander (vv. 31-32)
[Acts 10:1; 23:26-27]
- B. The _____ of prophecy (v. 33)
[Acts 21:10-11; Josh. 6:26; Jer. 25:11; Dan. 9:25-26]
- C. The _____ of the crowd (vv. 34-36)
[Acts 19:29-34; John 10:10; Lk. 23:18-21; Jn. 19:15]

III. The Address from the Apostle Paul (vv. 37-40)

- A. Clearing up the _____ (vv. 37-39)
[Acts 5:36; 9:11; 22:3]
- B. Speaking to the _____ (v. 40)
[Rom. 10:1; Acts 12:17; 13:16; 19:33; Matt. 5:10-12]

TAKE HOME

- How should we **respond** when others accuse us of things that we didn't say?
- How can we be encouraged to **trust** in God's providence throughout our trials?
- How can we seek to **glorify** God in every situation even if our safety is in jeopardy?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 21:27-28a. Why did the Judaizers seek to stir up the crowd? Why did they lay their hands on Paul? Why did they accuse Paul of teaching against his own countrymen? (Acts 14:19; 16:19-24; 17:5-8, 13; 19:25-34; Acts 6:11-14; Rom. 9:1-5; 10:1)

2. Read Acts 21:28b-c. Why did the Judaizers accuse Paul of speaking against the law and against the temple? How were they so confused? What did Paul teach on these important topics? (Acts 21:20; Matt. 5:17; Eph. 2:14-16; Mk. 14:57-58; Jn. 2:18-22; Acts 6:13; 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

3. Read Acts 28d-30. Why was Paul accused of defiling the temple? Did he do this? How does this show us the danger of making assumptions about others? (Acts 20:24; Eph. 2:14-16; 2 Kgs. 11:15)

4. Read Acts 31-33. What did you think about the actions of the commander? How was Paul being arrested and bound a fulfillment of prophecy? How does this give you confidence in God’s Word? (Acts 10:1; 23:26-27; Acts 21:10-11; Josh. 6:26; Jer. 25:11; Dan. 9:25-26)

5. Read Acts 21:34-36. Why was the crowd so violent? What else does this remind you of? (Acts 19:29-34; John 10:10; Lk. 23:18-21; Jn. 19:15)

6. Read Acts 21:37-40. Why was the tribune confused about Paul’s identity? What can you learn from Paul’s response? (Acts 5:36; 9:11; 22:3; Rom. 10:1; Acts 12:17; 13:16; 19:33; Matt. 5:10-12)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“It is absurd to think that Paul, who on this very occasion was going out of his way to appease Jewish susceptibilities, should have thus wantonly flaunted Jewish law and run his own head into danger.”

- F. F. Bruce