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Ongoing Resistance to the Gospel

Acts 22:22 - 23:11

I. Paul Reveals His Roman Citizenship (22:22-29)

- A. The riot _____ (vv. 22-24) [Eph. 3:4-6; Gal. 3:28]
- B. The _____ of Roman citizenship (vv. 25-29)
[Jn. 19:1; Acts 16:37-38; 21:33]

II. Paul Rebukes the High Priest (22:30-23:5)

- A. The _____ of a good conscience (22:30-23:1)
[Luke 23:6-16; Acts 24:16; Rom. 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 3:9; Titus 1:15; 1 Tim. 4:2]
- B. The _____ against the high priest (23:2-3)
[Acts 21:32; Matt. 27:30; Deut. 25:1-2; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:23; Jn. 18:23; Rom. 7]
- C. The _____ for the outburst (23:4-5) [Ex. 22:28]

III. Paul Refers to the Resurrection (23:6-10)

- A. The apostle's _____ (v. 6) [Phil. 3:5; Acts 24:21; 26:6-8]
- B. The sanhedrin's _____ (vv. 7-9)
[Matt. 22:23-33; Lk. 20:27; 1 Cor. 15:12]
- C. The tribune's _____ (v. 10)
[Acts 21:34-35; 22:24]

IV. Paul Rests in the Comfort that Christ Provides (23:11)

- A. A message of _____ (v. 11a)
[Matt. 9:2, 22; 14:27; Jn. 16:33]
- B. A message of _____ (v. 11b)
[1 Cor. 15:58]
- C. A message of _____ (v. 11c)
[Acts 19:21; Rom. 1:9-11; 15:22-29; 2 Cor. 2:15-16]

TAKE HOME

- As ongoing resistance to the gospel _____ around us, so does our faith grow within us
- Maintaining a _____ conscience is one the best ways to maintain a strong witness
- Jesus is always _____ us to embolden us, to encourage us, and to empower us

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 22:22-24. What made the riot resume? What were the unbelieving Jews so upset about? What did the tribune do about it? (Eph. 3:4-6; Gal. 3:28)

2. Read Acts 22:25-29. How did Paul receive his Roman citizenship? Why did this surprise the tribune? Why did all of this matter? (Jn. 19:1; Acts 16:37-38; 21:33)

3. Read Acts 22:30-23:1. What is a good conscience? Why is it so important to maintain a good conscience? How can this be done? (Luke 23:6-16; Acts 24:16; Rom. 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 3:9; Titus 1:15; 1 Tim. 4:2)

4. Read Acts 23:2-5. What was this heated exchange between Paul and the high priest about? Why did this happen? Was Paul in the right? (Acts 21:32; Matt. 27:30; Deut. 25:1-2; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:23; Jn. 18:23; Rom. 7)

5. Read Acts 23:6-9. What was Paul’s strategy at this point? What were the main differences between the Pharisees and the Sadducees? Is there anything you can learn from how Paul employed this strategy? (Phil. 3:5; Acts 24:21; 26:6-8; Matt. 22:23-33; Lk. 20:27; 1 Cor. 15:12)

6. Read Acts 23:10. What did the tribune do at this point? What do you find most interesting about this whole situation? (Acts 21:34-35; 22:24)

7. Read Acts 23:11. What comfort can we draw from this verse? What principles encourage you from Christ’s presence and comfort given to Paul? (Matt. 9:2, 22; 14:27; Jn. 16:33; 1 Cor. 15:58; Acts 19:21; Rom. 1:9-11; 15:22-29; 2 Cor. 2:15-16)

8. Read the take home points. 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 remarkable that in a passage where the apostle’s actions have been subject to considerable criticism, the Lord should personally praise him for having borne faithful witness in Jerusalem.”