

Acts of the Apostles
Paul's Arrival and Arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21:18-40)

Introduction

-Paul's Journey to Jerusalem (20:1-21:17)

-Paul's Witness Before Gentiles, Kings, and the People of Israel (27:18-28:31; see Acts 9:15) Arrest is followed by imprisonment in Jerusalem (chs. 21-23); in Caesarea (chs. 24-26); in Rome (chs. 27, 28).

-Pattern in Acts 13f: Paul turns to the Gentiles (13:46; 18:5, 6; 19:8, 9)

-Dual Themes in Acts 21-23: Jewish Rejection / Roman Protection

I. Paul's Arrival in Jerusalem (vs. 18-26)

-The Situation Described (vs. 18-22)

-The Solution Proposed (vs. 23-25)

-The Submission Rendered (v. 26)

II. Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem (vs. 27-40)

-Confusion (vs. 27-30)

-Intervention (vs. 31-36)

-Clarification (vs. 37-40)

Practical Lessons

- 1) Gossip and slander have a particularly destructive power (Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20; Prov. 6:19; 11:9; 16:27; 19:5, 9; 26:28; Rev. 21:8).

- 2) Jesus' followers are called to suffer for Him and with Him (Matt. 10:18 Mark 13:9 Luke 21:12; Acts 9:15, 16; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24; 1 Pet. 2:21).

- 3) Jesus' followers are to be all things to all people (Rom. 14:1-15:13; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; Eph. 4:3).