

## ***Responding to Injustice***

### **Acts 21:27-40**

#### Main Point:

When you are wronged by others, take comfort in God's sovereignty and keep serving Him, like Jesus your Savior.

1. Christians are not immune from injustice.
2. But injustice cannot frustrate God's plan for you.
3. You should also not let injustice keep you from serving God.
4. This is the path your Savior took, as the Suffering Servant.

**Dennis Johnson** "Their perception of Paul as an apostate from Judaism and their zeal for temple, Torah, and tradition made the accusation plausible to the crowds milling in the temple courts."

**Acts 21:11** <sup>11</sup> When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his *own* hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.'" (NKJV)

**Acts 23:11** <sup>11</sup> But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome." (NKJV)

**R. Kent Hughes** "The scene was mayhem, but God was in control and protected his servant ..."

**Genesis 50:20** <sup>20</sup> "But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:22** <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, (NKJV)

**Derek Thomas** "Paul was facing the possibility of dying for the gospel. Can we envisage ourselves ever being willing to do so? Does the gospel mean that much to us?"

**Luke 23:18** <sup>18</sup> And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this *Man*, and release to us Barabbas" (NKJV)

**1 Peter 2:23** <sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; (NKJV)