

#45- Misunderstanding

Acts 21.15-40

An unexpected homecoming

1. Expect to be **misunderstood** by other believers.
 - a. They misunderstood his **methods** – v19-20.
 - b. They misunderstood his **message** – v.21.
 - c. They believed the **rumors**.
 - d. They were convinced of the **accusations**.
 - e. They tested his **loyalty** v.22-26.
2. Expect to be **misrepresented** by people that despise the gospel – even religious people (v.27-30).
 - a. People make false **accusations**. They made false accusations about Paul (v.28).
 - b. People make false **assumptions**. They made false assumptions about Paul (v.29).
 - c. People make **rabid religious** decision based on false information. (v.30).
3. Expect your help to come from **unexpected places** (v.31-36).
 - a. God used a **Roman** Commander (v.31-32).
 - b. God used **conflicting** accusations (v.33-34).
 - c. God sovereignly used Paul's **cultural background** (v.35-37).
4. Expect opportunities to witness to accompany **every circumstance** (v.38-40).

There is no such thing as happenstance or **coincidence** with God and his children.

The place you live and work; the people you know and the circumstances of your life do not hinder your witness they **enable** it.