

Paul's Defense of His Gospel Ministry in Jerusalem (Acts 21:37- 22:23)

- Last Sunday: 3 warnings and Paul's arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-36)
 1. Warning: Paul is warned about his arrests (2:1-25)
 2. Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem (21:26-36)

I. Paul's Defense of His Gospel Ministry (21:39-22:1-23)

- A. Paul's defense of who he was and what he did (22:1-5)
 - A Jew, born in Tarsus but brought up in Jerusalem (v.3)
 - A disciple of Gamaliel – the most preeminent of Pharisees
 - Zealous for his Pharisaic way of life (22: 4)
- B. Paul's defense of his conversion (v7-16)
 - On his way to Damascus to arrest Christians
 - Light from heaven, struck him off his horse
 - Paul heard a voice; Saul why are you persecuting me.
 - Who are you Lord? – Jesus of Nazareth – what must I do, Lord ?
 - Ananias: devout Jew according to the law, good testimony among Jews
 - God of our fathers chose you, saw the Just One and heard His voice

II. Paul's Defense and ministry to them now (22:17-23)

- Make haste get out of Jerusalem – I am sending you to the Gentiles

III. Jerusalem's Verdict (22:22-24)

- They listened to this point: vs 22, 23 “away with such a fellow from the earth for he is not fit to live