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Acts 21:27-32

Paul Seized In Jerusalem

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Paul Seized

Acts 21:27 (NASB)

When **the seven days were almost over**, the Jews from Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, began to stir up all the crowd and laid hands on him,

- These may be the same people from vs. 21 but Luke doesn't say
- Paul mentioned "plots of the Jews" in 20:19
- Tannehill points out that Paul risked his life by taking these actions

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Paul Falsely Accused

Acts 21:28 (NASB)

crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place; and **besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.**"

- These charges remind us of those brought against Stephen (Acts 6:11; 13-14)
- See Luke 21:5-6 (Jesus' prediction)
- If true, bringing a Gentile into the inner courts would bring a death penalty

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Mob Action Ensues

Acts 21:29-30 (NASB)

For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. Then **all the city was provoked**, and the people **rushed together**, and **taking hold** of Paul they **dragged** him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.

- The removed Paul by force: "provoked"; "rushed"; "taking hold"; "dragged"
- They would not stone someone in the inner court due to causing defilement.

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Roman Authorities Intervene

Acts 21:31-32 (NASB)

While they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the Roman cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. At once he took along some soldiers and centurions and ran down to them; and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

- Emotions were high as they were there for the Feast of Pentecost
- Tannehill sees similarities to Stephen and Paul

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Temple Conflicts In Luke/Acts

- Jesus: Luke 19:45-47; Luke 21:5-6;
- Peter and John: Acts 4:1-13
- Peter and other apostles: Acts 5:17-26
- Stephen: Acts 6:8-15; Acts 7:44-60
- Paul Acts chapters 21-26

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