

PAUL'S ARREST IN JERUSALEM

Acts 21:1-23:11

Key Verse: 23:11

“The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, ‘Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.’”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 21:1-16. Trace Paul's journey to Jerusalem. What counsel did disciples in Tyre and God's servants in Caesarea give Paul? Why did he not accept their warnings?
2. Read 21:17-36. How was Paul received? What concern of the Christian Jews in Jerusalem overshadowed Paul's report? What did they ask him to do? Why? How did he comply? Why didn't he compromise work? What happened?
3. Read 21:37-22:5. How did he get permission to speak to the crowd? What were Paul's credentials as a Jew? How had he demonstrated his zeal for God? (1-5) How were his fellow Jews making the same mistake he had made?
4. Read 22:6-16. Describe his meeting with Jesus. Who was Ananias? What does it mean that Paul's blindness was cured? His sins forgiven? (6-16; Gal 5:24; Gal 2:20)
5. Read 22:17-21. Upon his return to Jerusalem, what warning did Jesus give him? What reveals his broken heart for his own people? (20:22-24; 21:13) Why did he think they would listen? What in his testimony angered them? Why? (22:21-22)
6. Read 22:23-29. Why did the centurion halt the flogging of Paul? Why did the Romans send him to the Sanhedrin? Read 22:30-23:11. How did Paul address the Sanhedrin?
7. How did Paul show courage in exposing the corruption of the high priest? (23:1-5) How did he show wisdom in dealing with the Sanhedrin? What word of Jesus sustained Paul as he faced his peers? (22:21) How did Jesus strengthen him? (23:11)