Paul Continues In Jerusalem
Acts 22

Introduction

Paul had already experienced the Jews' wrath on his journeys (13:45; 14:2, 19; 17:5-9, 13; 18:12; 19:9). Now, he feels it "full force" in their home city...even the ceremonial vow he took proved he will not easily escape them (21:20-31a). The actions Luke records in this chapter prove Paul was not going to be intimidated. His speech once again illustrates Paul's ***main*** concern was the gospel ministry, not his own personal safety. He will address his accusers and attackers head on, putting his faith & trust in God.

In Jerusalem (22:1-30)

1) How did Paul get the crowd to listen to his speech? (vv. 1-2; cp. 21:40)

2) What "information" did Paul use to begin his speech? (vv. 3-5) What other subject did he relate? (vv. 6-11; cp. 9:3-9)

3) Who did Paul mention and how did he describe his involvement? (vv. 12-16)
Thought questions: what did Paul become based upon v. 14? (cp. 1:21-22) What important use can be made of v. 16?

4) What other episode did Paul relate to his audience? (vv. 17-21) What did he mention that would have been familiar to those who were listening to him? (v. 20)

5) What was the "turning point" in Paul's speech? (v. 22a) How did things in fact change for Paul? (vv. 22b-23; cp. v. 2)

6) What was the commander forced to do again? (v. 24a) What decision did he make concerning Paul? (v. 24b)

7) How did Paul "halt" these actions? (vv. 25-29) Obviously, what mistake could this commander and his soldiers not afford to make?

8) How did the commander respond to this "new information" about Paul? (v. 30)