

Book Study #20

ACTS

Acts 21:37-23:11

Paul Speaks to the Crowd – Paul the Roman Citizen – Paul Before the Sanhedrin

Before we begin this journey...

1. How does it make you feel when someone is treated unfairly?
2. What do you have in common with a friend, a coworker, or a neighbor?
3. When was the last time you said something that caused misunderstanding or conflict?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. Who stirred up the crowd and seized Paul? Why? ([21:27-29](#))
5. Why were the temple gates shut? ([21:30-31](#))
6. What did Paul ask as he was about to be taken away? ([21:37](#))
7. What language did the apostle use in speaking to the crowd? ([21:40](#))
8. How did Paul address his audience? ([22:1](#))
9. How did Paul anger the crowd? ([22:22](#))
10. How did the mob express their intense anger? ([22:23](#))
11. Why did the commander order that Paul be taken away and beaten? ([22:24](#))
12. What bold claims did Paul make? ([23:1](#)) What order did Ananias give? ([23:2](#))
13. What did Paul say in reaction to the high priest’s illegal command? ([23:3](#))
14. How did the Lord confirm Paul’s plans to go to Rome? ([23:11](#))


Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

15. Why were the Jews from Asia so angry at Paul?
16. What groups are particularly anti-Christian today?
17. How did Paul show respect to his audience?
18. Why is it important to be kind toward and respectful of others?
19. Why did the high priest react so strongly to Paul’s statement about fulfilling his duty to God?
20. In what situations do you need to be careful with what you say?
21. When you feel attacked or discouraged, how can you draw encouragement from the Lord?

Application for this week...

22. What "false reports" about Christianity can you help dispel? How?
23. What words, gestures, or practices can you use to show respect in how you speak to others?
24. What reminder can you use to help you be wise with your words this week?

A prayer for your journey... “Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life.” -Amen



Direction Finder...

From last week’s “homework,” Write down one or two BIG thoughts you had regarding this period of time...

So...after reading and thinking and getting your thoughts together, what do you now think / feel / know about your own personal commitment to the Gospel of Christ... Do you need to be doing more...?

Write it Down...

