

Paul and the Jews
Lesson 5
Acts 21:37-22:24a

Jews from the Roman province of Asia had stirred up a riot at the Temple by falsely accusing Paul of bringing a Gentile into the inner courts. The Roman Commander of the city heard the noise and had Paul arrested. The mob became so violent that the soldiers had to carry Paul out.

The Commander and Paul – Acts 21:37-39

1. *“As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks,”* what did Paul ask the Commander? (Acts 21:37b)
2. Why was the Commander surprised when Paul spoke? (Acts 21:37c)
3. Who did the Commander think Paul was? (Acts 21:38)
4. What three facts did Paul give the Commander about his identity? (Acts 21:39a)
5. What else did Paul say to him? (Acts 21:39b)

Paul’s Speech – Acts 21:40 – 22:21

6. Having received permission to speak, how did Paul get the crowd’s attention? (Acts 21:40)
7. How did Paul address the crowd? (Acts 22:1)
8. Hearing Paul speak in their own language, they became quiet and listened to what he had to say. (Acts 22:2) What did Paul tell the crowd about his identity? (Acts 22:3)

9. In the early stages of the church, Believers in Jesus as the Messiah were called followers of "The Way." What did Paul tell the crowd about his view of these followers? (Acts 22:4, 5)

10. **Reflect:** Paul's audience was still silent at this point. How do you think they were responding to Paul's speech so far?

11. The next verses contain Paul's testimony before this crowd. In this account, Paul gave a new detail – the time. Using Acts 22:6:
 - What time did Paul say this occurred?

 - Where was Paul located?

 - What did he see?

12. As a result, Paul fell to the ground. What specific details did he give about what he heard? (Acts 22:7)

13. Paul found his voice and asked, "Who are you, Lord?" What was the surprising answer? (Acts 22:8)

14. Paul was traveling with others; what did they see and hear? (Acts 22:9)

15. Then Paul asked the voice, "What shall I do, Lord?" What instructions was he given? (Acts 22:10)
 - **Reflect** on these instructions. Does anything stand out to you?

16. Why did Paul's companions have to assist him into the city? (Acts 22:11)
17. A man named Ananias is introduced in verse 12. What details did Luke give about him?
18. Ananias stood beside Paul and using his Hebrew name called him "Brother Saul." What did Ananias say next? (Acts 22:13a)
19. What was Paul's comment about this? (Acts 22:13b)
20. At that point Ananias spoke a message to Paul. Using Acts 22:14-16:
 - Who was the message from?
 - What was Paul chosen to:
Know:

See:

Hear:
 - What was Paul's assignment?
21. When the message was complete, Ananias asked Paul, "What are you waiting for?" What were his final instructions to Paul? (Acts 22:16)
22. Paul returned to Jerusalem and went to the Temple. While he was praying he said, "I fell into a trance." (Acts 22:17) Using Acts 22:18, what did Paul:
 - See:
 - Hear:

23. How did Paul respond to this? (Acts 22:19, 20)

24. What was the Lord's final instruction to Paul? (Acts 22:21)

The Crowd - Acts 22:22-24a

25. What was the reaction of the crowd to Paul's speech? (Acts 22:22)

26. How did they demonstrate their point of view? (Acts 22:23)

The Commander did not want a new riot on his hands, so he ordered that Paul be taken to the barracks.