Outline #11 Arrest in Jerusalem

1. Meeting the church leaders in Jerusalem
   a) Acts 21:15–17, a warm welcome
   b) Acts 21:18–25, what counsel did the church leaders give to calm the fears of Jewish believers?
   c) Acts 21:26, why did Paul comply with their request? Was his compliance appropriate? (AA 405)
   d) When it is appropriate to compromise and when should we stand firm, refusing to bend to the pressure of popular opinion?

2. Riot in the Temple
   a) Acts 21:27–30, what accusation did the Jews from Asia make against Paul? Was their accusation justified?
   b) Acts 21:31–36, what lesson can we learn about the danger of spreading false rumors?

3. Seizing the opportunity to give a testimony
   a) Before the crowd
      i) Acts 21:37–40, how did Paul convince the commander of the Roman garrison to grant him permission to speak to the crowd?
      ii) Acts 21:40–22:21, why did Paul share his conversion story?
      iii) Acts 22:22–24, what can we learn from the crowd's reaction to Paul's statement that he was an apostle to the Gentiles?
   b) Before the Sanhedrin
      i) Acts 23:1–5, holy boldness or human boldness?
      ii) Acts 23:6–10, how did Paul's testimony disrupt the proceedings? Was this disruption intentional?

4. Death threats and transfer to Caesarea
   a) Acts 23:12–15, a vow to kill Paul
   b) How did God intervene in this dangerous situation?
      i) Acts 23:11, gave a word of comfort to Paul.
      iii) What lessons can we learn from God's intervention in this dangerous situation?
   c) Acts 23:23–24, 31–33, provision of an armed escort
   e) What encouragement can you find in this story when you face dangers as a servant of Jesus?
   f) Share a time when you sensed God's protection.