

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?

- iv) Acts 22:25-29, how was Paul able to avoid being scourged? What was his motivation here?

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.
 - ii) Acts 23:16-22, used Paul's nephew to alert the Roman commander.
 - 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
- d) Acts 23:25-30, 34-35, letter to governor Felix and the governor's reaction
- 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.

