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## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 44

**THIS IS MY STORY**

**An Apology without Apology**

(Acts 21:37-22:29)

### INTRODUCTION:

#### PREVIOUSLY... (21:1-36) An Ambassador in Chains

*"For I am ready not only to be bound,  
but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."*

—Acts 21:13b

- Paul was going to Jerusalem, in spite of their **counsel**, in response to God's **calling**, and irrespective of the **cost**. For he was not just following **the leading of the Spirit**, he was following **the life of the Savior**.

THE PASSAGE: ITS \_\_\_\_\_ & ITS \_\_\_\_\_ :

1A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE COMMANDER: (21:37-40a)

- \_\_\_\_\_ THE BARRACKS

*"As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the commander, 'May I say something to you?' And he said, 'Do you know Greek?'"*

—Acts 21:37

2A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE THE CROWD: (21:40b-22:22)

- \_\_\_\_\_ THE BARRACKS

*"...Paul, **standing on the stairs**, motioned to the people with his hand; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying, 'Brethren and fathers, **hear my defense** which I now offer to you.'"*

—Acts 21:40b-22:1

3A. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE COMMANDER: (22:23-29)

- \_\_\_\_\_ THE BARRACKS

*"And as they were crying out and throwing off their cloaks and tossing dust into the air, **the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks...**"*

—Acts 22:23

*"When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and told him, saying, 'What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman.' The commander came and said to him, **Tell me, are you a Roman?**"*

—Acts 22:26, 27

**PAUL'S DEFENSE:** (21:40b-22:22)

“Brethren and fathers, **hear my defense...**” (22:1)

1B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 1-5)

“**I am a Jew**, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being **zealous for God just as you all are today.**”

—Acts 22:3

2B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 6-11)

“But it **happened that as I was on my way**, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me...”

—Acts 22:6

3B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 12-21)

“And he said, **The God of our fathers has appointed you ...**”

—Acts 22:14

1C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12-16)

“**For you will be a witness for Him to all men** of what you have seen and heard.”

—Acts 22:15

2C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17-22)

“It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, and I saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because **they will not accept your testimony about Me.**’”

—Acts 22:17, 18

“They listened to him **up to this statement**, and then they raised their voices and said, **“Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he should not be allowed to live!”**”

—Acts 22:22

**THE PRINCIPLES:**

1. WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ :

• In telling your story,... highlight your \_\_\_\_\_ .

“I \_\_\_\_\_ you are.” “I \_\_\_\_\_ you are.”

• In telling your story,... highlight His \_\_\_\_\_ .

“Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.” “Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.”

“And there is \_\_\_\_\_”

2. WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM ISRAEL'S \_\_\_\_\_ :

• The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CONCLUSION:**

“But you shall speak My words to them **whether they listen or not, ...**”

—Ezekiel 2:7