



THE ZEAL OF THE LORD

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting March 19, 2023

SHARE

Included in this handout is a timeline of Paul's life and ministry. What would a timeline of your life look like?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Acts 21:27-39** (add **21:17-26** from last Wednesday, if you'd like). We see Paul's arrival in Jerusalem for Pentecost. The Old Testament significance was this was a celebration of God's giving of the Law/Torah/Instruction to Moses on Mt. Sinai; the New Testament significance is Pentecost was the birthday of the church. How does it being Pentecost contribute to the volatility of the situation as Paul entered Jerusalem?
2. In Paul's situation, the people repeated lies and gossip about him often enough and long enough that they became their truths. Satan is the "father of lies." What lies do we put on repeat in our life that subtly become our truths over time? How have you seen this happen in our culture, and how can these lies keep us from God?
3. Read **Colossians 2:6-15**. Paul was accused of throwing the law aside; does this passage sound like he's discounting the law? What do you hear when he says our debt is "nailed to the cross?"
4. Read **John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-49**. This is the assigned Gospel reading from the lectionary for this Sunday. It's interesting that the people concluded someone must have had to have sinned to result in the man's blindness. Do we draw these conclusions today? How does Jesus re-frame the conversation?

PRAY

What an intimate gift it is to pray for one another. Hear the invitation of Jesus to cast all our anxieties and fears upon Him who cares for us.

The TIMELINE of PAUL'S MINISTRY

AD 35*	Paul's Conversion The Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9)	AD 49	Third Visit to Jerusalem, Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-29; Gal. 2:1)	AD 57-59	Arrest in Jerusalem, Trials and Imprisonment in Caesarea (Acts 21:15-26:32)	AD 63-67	Release and Further Work	AD 67-68	Final Imprisonment and Death												
AD 38	First Visit to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-29; Gal. 1:18)	AD 45	Second Visit to Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30)	AD 49-52	Second Apostolic Journey (Galatia, Macedonia, Greece, Asia Minor) (Acts 15:40-18:22)	AD 53-57	Third Apostolic Journey (Galatia, Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece) (Acts 18:23-21:14)	AD 60-63	Voyage to Rome, Roman Imprisonment (Acts 27:1-28:31)												
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AD 35-39	Goes to Damascus (Acts 9:6-19) Visits Arabia (Gal. 1:17) Returns to Damascus (Gal. 1:17; Acts 9:20-29) Goes up to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-29; Gal. 1:18) Goes to Tarsus (Acts 9:30; Gal. 1:21)	AD 45-48	Aid sent to Jerusalem (Acts 11:29-30) Sent out with Barnabas (Acts 13:2-3) Ministry in Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe (Acts 13:14-14:23)	AD 49	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52	AD 49-52
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*All dates are approximate

"...we turn to the Gentiles."
(Acts 13:46)

"...from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles."
(Acts 18:6)

"...the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles,
and they will hear it."
(Acts 28:28)



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Courage in Conflict

Acts 21:27-39

March 19, 2023 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Pentecost in Jerusalem: LAW-apalooza and the BIRTHDAY of the Christian Church.

“For I am ready not only to be IMPRISONED but even to DIE in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” -Acts 21:13

“I will show him how much he must SUFFER for the sake of my name.” -Acts 9:16

The brewing CONFLICT

Lies on REPEAT become peoples' truth.

JESUS – STEPHEN – PAUL

We are – like Paul – called to have COURAGE in the midst of CHAOS.

What do you still LACK?

For this Wednesday, read Acts 21:40 to 22:29.

For this Sunday, read Acts 22:30 to 23:11.