



Lessons from Paul's Imprisonments

Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work
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Last Time We Looked At Lessons From Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey:

Ephesus: Battle For A City

- 10 Keys To The Spiritual Battle For Ephesus

The Journey From Ephesus To Jerusalem:

- Paul's Review Of His Own Ministry: His Accomplishments; His Personal Example; His Warnings For The Future

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3 Lessons We Learn From Paul's Imprisonments On His Journey To Rome

1. Paul's Imprisonment In Jerusalem

- How He Was Assaulted And Incarcerated
- Paul's Lessons About God's Calling In Ministry

2. Paul's Imprisonment In Caesarea

- Key Events And Issues That Surfaced There

3. Paul's Imprisonment In Rome

- Why We Have The Records & Documenting Of Paul's Incarceration
- Significant Events On The Journey From Caesarea To Rome
- Lessons From Hardship Regarding Evangelism Today

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1. Paul's Imprisonment In Jerusalem *Acts 21:1 to 23:22*

- *How He Was Assaulted And Incarcerated*
- *Paul's Lessons About God's Calling In Ministry*

- **Attacked By A Jewish Mob**

- **God's Call May Be Challenging**

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2. Paul's Imprisonment In Caesarea

Acts 23:23 to 26:32

- Key Events And Issues That Surfaced There: The Trials before: Felix, Festus, Agrippa
- **Paul's Extended Imprisonment Begins In Jerusalem**

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3. Paul's Imprisonment In Rome

Acts 27 & 28

- *The Reasons That Paul's Incarceration Is Documented*
- *Significant Events On The Journey From Caesarea To Rome*
- *Lessons From Hardship That Apply To Evangelism Today*
- **THE JOURNEY TO ROME**
- **Faith Enables Us To Survive The Storms Of Life**
- **People Lose What They Refuse To Use**
- **Hardship Can Be An Apprenticeship**

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1. A citywide uproar resulted when Asian Jews accused Paul of

- teaching against the Jewish people, their law, and the temple and of defiling the temple by bringing Gentiles inside.
- entering the Holy Place in an impure condition and of teaching Jews that Jesus was greater than Moses.
- convincing Diaspora Jews to believe in Jesus and of eating and drinking with Gentiles.
- persecuting Jews who rejected Jesus and of failing to observe the traditional feasts in Jerusalem.

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2. Which statement best describes Paul's experience with God as he made his final journey to Jerusalem?

- Paul was unsure whether God was truly leading him to Jerusalem.
- Paul would have avoided the long imprisonment if he had obeyed the Holy Spirit.
- God directed Paul to go to Jerusalem and intended for him to endure the imprisonment.

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3. According to Jewish worldview,

- Gentiles must be kept at a distance from anything considered pure and holy.
- Gentiles were considered compatible with the presence of God..
- Parents were encouraged not to circumcise their sons.
- Gentiles were allowed into the Inner Court of the temple.

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4. Luke's record of Paul's trials in Jerusalem and Caesarea, including his defense speeches, clearly establishes that Paul

- viewed Jewish and Roman law as a conflict with his loyalty to Jesus.
- frequently ignored Roman law because it was based on a pagan belief system.
- was guilty of violating Jewish temple law but not Roman law.
- was absolutely innocent of violating any law, Jewish or Roman.

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5. While on trial before King Agrippa, Paul could have been released except he had

- condemned the king for his injustice.
- appealed to Caesar.
- violated Roman Law while in Jerusalem.
- praised the king for his kindness and wisdom.

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6. While Paul and other prisoners were being transported to Rome, they were shipwrecked on the island of

- Crete.
- Cyprus.
- Malta.
- Sardinia.

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7. The largest and most influential city in Paul's day was

- Constantinople.
- Alexandria.
- Ephesus.
- Rome.

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8. What was Paul's attitude toward the storm at sea and the certain shipwreck?

- He advised the crew based on his assumption that God would protect him until he arrived in Rome.
- An angel sent from God promised Paul that all onboard the ship would be saved.
- Paul wanted to witness to the crew as his last act of obedience to God.
- Paul was angry with the crew for insisting on sailing during the winter.

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9. Luke's accounts of Paul's trials establish all the following EXCEPT that

- Paul was innocent beyond any doubt.
- Paul remained imprisoned and was sent to Rome because he failed to obey God.
- Paul was given the opportunity to present the gospel to the most powerful men in the Roman Empire.
- Paul had remained loyal to Jewish customs and traditions following his conversion to faith in Jesus Christ.

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10. The principles illustrated in Paul's imprisonment experience teach us that

- God may expect us to endure severe hardship in order to accomplish His purposes.
- God promises to deliver us from all suffering to prove His power over the world.
- we are not apostles and should not expect God to lead us through such intense suffering.
- those who agree to share the gospel will experience less suffering than those who refuse.