

Defiled

Acts 21:27–36

1. **The Assault**
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2. **The Arrest**
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Life Group Questions

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Opener: What was one of the most raucous crowd scenes you have ever been a part of?

Read The Passage: Acts 21:27–36

1. Why was unity of the church so important to Paul? What did Paul hope to gain by participating in this ritual of purification?
2. Read Acts 6:11–13. Compare the reaction against Paul with that against Stephen twenty years earlier. What does this tell you about Christian-Jewish relationships during this period?
3. Look at Luke 23:18 and Acts 21:36. What similarities do you see between these two passages? What are other similarities between the arrest of Paul and the arrest of Jesus?
4. Read Acts 17:24–25; 1 Cor. 3:16. The Jewish Temple was the most important symbol of their law and tradition. Why would Paul's writing have been offensive to the Jews?
5. If Paul was saying that we are God's temple, would there be a need for sacrifices any longer (1 Cor. 3:16)? Explain.
6. Read 1 Peter 2:4–12. How is Christ a cornerstone? Why would people stumble over the stone rather than build their lives on it?
7. How does it make you feel to be chosen, royalty, and God's possession? When is it most difficult to remember what God has made you?
8. How should your new status with God influence the way you live?
9. Read Hebrews 10:11–18. In what ways does Christ replace the inadequate sacrifices of the law?
10. How does Jesus' obedience relate to our holiness? In what ways is God asking you to practice greater holiness?

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:14 ESV

"For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

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