

Apologia

Acts 21:37—22:29

1. To the Commander

Acts 21:37–39

2. To the Crowd

Acts 21:40—22:20, 21

3. Three Reactions

a. The Crowd (22:21–23)

b. The Commander (22:24–25^a)

c. Paul (22:25^b–29)

Insights

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Life Group Questions

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Opener: Share a time when you have had to defend the gospel.

Read The Passage—Acts 21:37—22:29

1. Why did Paul think it was so important to address the hostile Jewish crowd (21:39)?
2. What did Paul do to try and connect with his audience? (List as many as you can.)
3. If you were Paul's defense lawyer, what case could you have made for his innocence?
4. Why do you think Paul didn't plead his case and demand his rights?
5. Instead of preaching a sermon, Paul tells the story about how his encounter with Christ changed his life. How might a personal testimony be effective in ways that a sermon would not?
6. How has your faith in Jesus redirected your life?
7. Paul likely could have escaped arrest if he said the right things and stayed away from the controversial things. How is it easier to avoid embarrassment and risk being uncomfortable, by not talking about what we believe and about our faith in Jesus Christ?
8. The power of Paul's personal testimony includes the death, burial, resurrection, and what Jesus has done in Paul's life. Thinking about your personal testimony, what would you say (in three minutes or less) to someone who asked why you are a Christian?
9. In a situation where most people would see a crisis, Paul saw opportunity. The violent crowd and potential Roman flogging made for a very stressful situation, yet Paul used this time to give his testimony. What does Paul tell us to do to be prepared for this opportunity? Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5.
10. Read Acts 20:24 (This week's memory verse). Paul is not concerned about self but about the gospel. How can we mimic Paul in this way?

Memory Verse—Acts 20:24 ESV

"But I do not account my life of any value not as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

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