

THE RESULTS OF COMPROMISE: PAUL'S ARREST

(Acts 21:27-40)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)
- IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

- A. Making their way back to Jerusalem, Paul and his comrades sail from Miletus to Tyre (21:1-6)
- B. The missionary team stops off in Ptolemais and then Caesarea (21:7-16)
- C. Paul's Disastrous Compromise in Jerusalem (21:17-26)
- D. Paul Seized in the Temple (21:27-30)

1. When Paul's days of purification with the other four men was almost complete, some unsaved _____ from Asia (most likely from Ephesus) _____ him and _____ him in the temple. (v. 27)

2. These wicked men stirred up the whole crowd by claiming that Paul taught against the Law, and fabricated a story about the apostle bringing a _____ friend _____ the _____ (a capital crime). (vv. 28-29)

3. Jerusalem was filled with Jews for the Feast of Pentecost; these _____ Jews were successful in creating an angry mob which seized Paul and _____ him _____ of the temple, and the doors were shut. (v. 30)

* When stepping outside the will of God, do great intentions really matter?

* Can one wrong decision in life completely change the trajectory of your life?

- E. Paul rescued and shackled by Roman soldiers (21:31-40)

1. The Romans allowed the Jews to execute any Gentile for proceeding beyond the barrier, and this enraged mob, incited by misinformation sought to _____ Paul by _____ him to death. (v. 31a, 32b)

2. Providentially the _____ made this situation known to Claudius Lysias, the commander of the garrison stationed at the Fortress of Antonia, which overlooked the temple complex; he took 200 soldiers with him and _____ the _____. (vv. 31b-32)

3. The commander came up to Paul and ordered that he be _____ with _____, thereby fulfilling Agabus' _____ (vv. 11-12); he asked Paul and the crowd what he had done. (v. 33)

4. The angry mob was so unruly and the situation so chaotic Claudius could _____ determine the _____, so he ordered his men to bring Paul into the _____. (v. 34)

5. The Roman soldiers needed to _____ the apostle because the crowd was so violent; they kept on shouting (*present tense*) "_____ with _____." (vv. 35-36)

6. Paul asked the commander in Greek, if he could speak with him; Claudius was _____, he was _____ the _____ that Paul was an Egyptian insurrectionist who had been on the run from the Romans. (vv. 37-38)

7. The apostle informed Claudius that he was "*a Jew*" which gave him the _____ to be in the temple; he also stated that he was "*from Tarsus, in Cilicia*" - Paul _____ for permission to _____ to the people (v. 39)

8. The apostle of grace stood on the stairs elevated over the people, and he motioned with his hand for silence, and he then delivered his very first _____ in _____, as a _____ for Christ. (v. 40)

* What can you personally glean from this passage?