

THE CONTRAST OF HUMILITY AND HATRED

Paul's Arrest

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Acts 21:15-26

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 1 st Missionary Journey | 13:1-14:28 |
| Jerusalem Council | 15:1-35 |
| 2 nd Missionary Journey | 15:36-18:22 |
| 3 rd Missionary Journey | 18:23-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Theme of Acts: Acts 1:8 *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

Key Verse: Acts 21:19 After he had greeted them, he *began* to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

Theme: Believers are to praise God for His work in salvation, serve God by preserving unity, anticipate persecution from God's enemies and trust God to rescue from evil.

I. God's Work - The Celebration of Evangelism 21:15-20a

1. After saying goodbye to those he _____, Paul returns to Jerusalem
2. The arrival in Jerusalem was a _____ with his partners in ministry
3. Paul delivers an offering to help the Jewish Christians and reports to the elders of the work God has done through his ministry to the Gentiles.
4. The church leaders praise God for _____.

II. God's Witness – The Demonstration of Humility 20b-26

1. The elders tell Paul of the _____ about his message.
 - a. teaching Jews to stop _____
 - b. teaching Jews to stop _____
 - c. teaching Jews to stop _____

2. The elders plan for Paul to _____ to the Jewish believers.

a. Join the four men in the vow, purify them and yourself

b. Pay their _____

3. Paul follows the instructions of the _____

III. God's Enemies - The Display of Hatred

27-31a

1. Paul's enemies from Asia spot him in the temple _____

2. Paul's enemies ignore _____ and incite a mob by claiming:

a. Paul preaches against our people, our Law and _____

b. Paul defiled the temple by _____

3. Paul's enemies provoke a riot, capture him and _____

IV. God's Rescue - The Defeat of Opposition

31b-36

1. The _____ is deployed against Paul's enemies

2. The _____ apprehends Paul and interrogates the mob

3. The mob cannot define the charges, but they agree _____

V. Application

1. Glorify God for His work in bringing sinners to repentance and faith.
Ephesians 1:15-16 Ephesians 2:3-5

2. Be diligent to preserve unity within the church.
Ephesians 4:1-3 2 Timothy 2:24-26

3. Be prepared to face persecution from those who are enemies of Jesus Christ.
John 15:18-20

4. Trust in the Lord's faithfulness to strengthen and rescue you from evil.
2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 2 Timothy 4:17-18