

Paul Travels to Jerusalem and is Arrested

Acts 21

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Paul Sails from Miletus	21	1-6	Paul's group sails from Miletus to Tyre, visiting disciple along the way, stayed 7 days, was warned to not go to Jerusalem
		7-14	Paul's group sails from Tyre to Caesarea; Agabus prophesies of Paul's imprisonment
15-16		The arrival in Jerusalem, making arrangements for lodging	
17-26		Paul reports to James and the elders; Paul is told to keep the Law regarding vows	
Paul Seized in the Temple		27-36	Asian Jews stir up the crowd in the temple against Paul and begin beating him Roman cohort commander came and took Paul into custody
		37-40	Paul's identity is ascertained and he asks to speak to the crowd

At the end of his third missionary journey, Paul is returning to Jerusalem. As they stopped in the different ports, Paul meets with the disciples in the area and many were discouraging Paul, through the Spirit, from returning to Jerusalem. Upon arriving in Caesarea, Paul stayed with Philip the evangelist (from Acts 6 & 8) and while there Agabus, a prophet from Jerusalem, prophesies that he would be bound and handed over to the Gentiles by the Jews in Jerusalem.

While in Jerusalem, Paul followed the guidance of James and the elders and fulfills the necessary requirements of purification, he and four other men who were keeping vows. In the meantime, Jews from Asia came and made accusations against Paul, stirring up the crowds, and he was arrested and brought into the barracks of the Roman guard. There Paul asks the commander to address the crowd. After ascertaining Paul's identity, the commander allows him to address the crowd. That address follows in chapter 22.

Reflections

It is good to be encouraged by other Christians. There can be times of refreshing when fellowship is shared among believers.

Through the Spirit, the disciples Paul met with on his journey back to Jerusalem were telling him not to go to Jerusalem, yet he traveled on. Upon arriving in Caesarea, Paul is informed that he would be bound and handed over to the Gentiles. Why didn't Paul listen to the previous disciples?

As for us, do we always listen to what the Spirit is telling us through other disciples. Of course we have to test the spirits to see if they are from God or not, for there are deceiving spirits in this world. We also need to pray that God would give us the wisdom to know the difference and for confirmation of what He would have us do.

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