

Welcome
Family & Friends

Paul's Third Missionary Journey Comes to an End

(Acts 22 & 23) – Part 3

Review of our previous study:



- Paul met with James. (Acts 21:17 – 26)
- Paul was arrested in the Temple. (Acts 21:27 – 36)
- Paul spoke to the Mob. (Acts 21:37 – 22:21)

In this study:

- Paul speaks to the Mob. (Acts 21:37 – 22:21) continued...
- Paul appeals to his Roman citizenship. (Acts 22:22 – 29)
- Paul speaks to the Sanhedrin Council. (Acts 22:30 – 23:11)
- The Jews plot to kill Paul. (Acts 23:12 – 22)
- Paul is sent to Felix the Governor. (Acts 23:23 – 35)

Paul speaks to the Mob.

Acts 21:37 – 22:21

Acts 22:3 – 5
(ESV)


3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

Acts 22:6 – 11 (ESV)

6 “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ 8 And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ 9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’ 11 And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

Acts 22:12 – 16
(ESV)

12 “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; 15 for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’



Despite believing, repenting (Acts 9:9), and praying for 3 days (Acts 9:11), Paul's sins were not washed away until he was baptized into Jesus Christ!

How did Paul “call on the name of Lord”?

- Romans 10:13 (ESV) (13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”)
- Not by praying: Acts 9:9 – 11 (ESV) (9 And **for three days** he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, **for behold, he is praying,**)
- By obedience: Hebrews 5:8 – 10 (ESV) (8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, **he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,** 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.)
 - Luke 6:46 – 49
 - Matthew 7:21

Acts 22:17 – 21 (ESV)


17 “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw him saying to me, Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ 19 And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20 And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ 21 And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

Paul appeals to his
Roman citizenship.

Acts 22:22 – 29

Acts 22:22 – 24
(ESV)

22 Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." 23 And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, 24 the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this.



According to Tacitus, these floggings were so brutal that 7 out of 10 of those were flogged died.

Those 3 out of 10 who survived were often left crippled for the rest of their lives.

Acts 22:25 – 29 (ESV)

25 But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" 26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen." 27 So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." 28 The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." 29 So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

Roman
citizenship was
given one of
three ways:

- Inherited from your father
- Being born in a free city
- Conferred by the Senate for meritorious acts or money

In our next study, we will
continue to study Acts 23!