

ACTS 21; October 22; Paul In Jerusalem Is Almost Killed

ANALYSIS:

1. With whom did Paul and his company stay at Caesarea?

2. Who warned Paul while he was at Caesarea not to go to Jerusalem?

3. Who is included in the words “we” and “they of that place” in verse 12? _____

4. What was Paul advised by James and the elders to do relating to the law? _____

5. Why did the Jews try to kill Paul when they saw him in the temple?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Can we reconcile Paul's determination to visit Jerusalem (19:21) with the several warnings against going there? Paul himself revealed “that the holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me” (20:23). The disciples at Tyre tried to dissuade him from going (21:4). Agabus, a prophet, warned of imprisonment by Jews and Romans (21:10-11). Even Luke begged him not to go (21:12). While some have suggested Paul was mistaken about God's will, let's consider these possibilities. Was God preparing Paul for the sufferings that were ahead by the repeated warnings? In effect, was God testing him? Until God specifically told Paul he would see Rome (23:11), his attitude was, “I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus” (21:13). He may have thought his sufferings, even martyrdom, at Jerusalem would be a fitting climax to honor his Lord in the very place where he had persecuted many Christians.

Let us ask the Lord to give us boldness to freely confess: Christ as Savior and Lord, our confidence in the KJV Bible, the sovereignty of God in all matters, and to state the errors of decisional regeneration, false bibles, Arminianism and kindred heresies. If serious Christians were being sought for, may each of us be easily found and identified!

HELP:

1. Philip the evangelist, one of the seven, who had four daughters who prophesied (vs 8-9)

2. Agabus, a prophet from Judea, said Paul would be bound and delivered to the Gentiles by the Jews at Jerusalem (vs 10-11).

3. “We” = Luke as one of Paul's companions; “they of that place” = Philip, his daughters and disciples at Caesarea (vs 8-11).

4. They advised Paul to perform a vow with four men, according to the law (vs 23-26).

5. Jews of Asia falsely accused Paul of teaching everywhere against the people, the law, the temple, and bringing Greeks into the temple (v 28).