

A PRISONER BY THE PLAN OF GOD

Introduction: Paul collected money for the poor saints in Jerusalem. Now he was bringing it to them, but he was warned by the Spirit that he would be bound by the Jews and delivered to the Gentiles. He said that he was willing to be bound, even to die in Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Lesson Aim: Know the will of God and submit to His good, and acceptable, and perfect will.

Memory Verse: Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God (Rom 12:2).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Paul's Return to Jerusalem — 21:1-17

1. What did the disciples in Tyre tell Paul about going to Jerusalem? 21:4
2. What did Agabus do to warn Paul about going to Jerusalem? 21:11
3. What was Paul's response? 21:13

II. Paul's Reunion at Jerusalem — 21:18-26

4. What made James and the other pastors of the church in Jerusalem glorify the Lord? 21:18-20
5. What made these pastors concerned about Paul's visit? 21:20-22
6. What did they suggest that Paul do? 21:23-24
7. What do you think about Paul's decision? 21:26

III. Paul's Rejection at Jerusalem — 21:27 - 23:10

8. What Jews started a riot and tried to kill Paul? 21:27-31; see 14:6, 19
9. How was Paul kept from being killed? 21:31-34
10. Why was Paul able to speak to the people who tried to kill him? 21:39-40
11. What made the rioters very quiet when Paul spoke to them? 22:2
12. What did Paul say to the people in his defense? 22:3-21 (underline the right answers)
He kept the Law. He was taught by Gamaliel. He persecuted the believers. He gave alms to the poor. Jesus talked to him. He was baptized. He was told in a trance to stay in Jerusalem. He approved those that killed Stephen. He was sent by Christ (Messiah) to the Gentiles.
13. Why did the chief captain bring Paul into the castle (barracks) to be scourged? 22:22-24
14. How did Paul keep from being scourged? 22:25-29
15. How did Paul defend himself before the council (Sanhedrin)? 23:6-10

IV. Paul's Removal from Jerusalem — 23:11-35

16. What encouragement did Paul receive from the Lord while in prison? 23:11
17. How was he spared from more than 40 men that plotted to kill him? 23:12-22
18. How did Paul leave Jerusalem and arrive in Caesarea? 23:23-33
19. What would happen to Paul in Caesarea? 23:35