

Bible Study 12 – Persecution in Jerusalem – Acts 21:27-36

Here we will see how Paul reacts to persecution. Paul had one advantage over us and that was God had explained to him exactly what was to happen. He knew he would be bound and arrested. Despite suffering, he was confident that God was in complete control of every event. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is ruler and complete sovereign over His creation. God always works and acts on behalf of His children for their good and His glory. Suffering brings us a unique opportunity to grow spiritually and to glorify God. Use it as an opportunity to serve God not as an opportunity to feel sorry for yourself.

The context	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Peter was the main preacher to the Jews & Paul was the main preacher to the Gentiles. Paul's first missionary journey was to Cyprus and south-eastern Turkey where they established churches. Then Paul preached and established churches on his second missionary journey. Then Paul went on his third missionary journey encouraging the churches that he had established. Finally, he sailed back to Palestine.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 21: 27-36

Warning (20:22-24) (21:4, 10-14)	
Accused (v.27-29)	
Beaten (v.30-32)	
Arrested (v.33-36)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What are some false accusations that could be made against Christians today (v.28-29)?

7. What are some biblical examples of unjust suffering (Acts 6:11; 1 Peter 2:19-23)?

8. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

As predicted, Paul was persecuted in Jerusalem. Because some non-Christian Jews made false accusations against Paul, a mob of Jews tried to kill him.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points