

“Acts – Enlarging the Kingdom (15-1): Paul to Jerusalem” (Acts 21:1-39)

Today: Trace Pauls’ Journey to Jerusalem, and his Subsequent Arrest there...

I. Prophecy on Paul’s Impending Bondage in Jerusalem (21:1-14)

- A. Prophecy in Tyre and Paul’s Response (vv 4-5)**
- B. Prophecy in Caesarea from Agabus and Paul’s Response (vv 11; 13-14)**
- C. Was Paul Self-willed, Stubborn, or was he following his Conviction? Paul was...**
 - 1. “Compelled by the Spirit” (Acts 20:22)**
 - 2. “Comforted” by God in the Ordeal (Acts 23:11)**
 - 3. Committed to Promote Oneness between Gentile and Jerusalem Believers (cf: Acts 24:17)**
 - 4. Convinced of God’s Will and Calling in his Life (Acts 9:15-16)**

II. Captivity at Jerusalem (21:17-39)

- A. Paul in Jerusalem: Paul was...**
 - 1. Misunderstood by the Zealous Jewish Believers (vv 17-26)**

**One can be Flexible in Practice (1 Corinthians 9:20),
without Violating Biblical Conviction**
 - 2. Falsely Accused by his Jewish Adversaries (vv 27-31a)**
 - 3. Mis-identified by the Roman Official (vv 31b-39)**
- B. The Cause of Misunderstanding, False-accusation or Mis-identification comes from the Root problem of “Pre-suppositions” or “Perceptions”. To avoid the Mistakes:**
 - 1. Verify “Character” and Source Information**
 - 2. Check one’s own Attitude: Objective and without “Prejudice”**
 - 3. Be Careful with “Association” – Humans are Complex Beings**

III. Lessons for Us

A. Value Human Relationships

**Not Gossip about others, Verify Information; do not Assume
based on Prejudice; and do not “Associate” too quickly**

B. The Cost of Discipleship (Luke 9:23)

**Are you Willing to Deny yourself?
Are we Serious about our *Faith Conviction*?
Apply Guidelines in our Relationships to those around us,
Live in Harmony with others, and Preserve Unity in our Testimony...**