

**Defense Before the Mob ~**

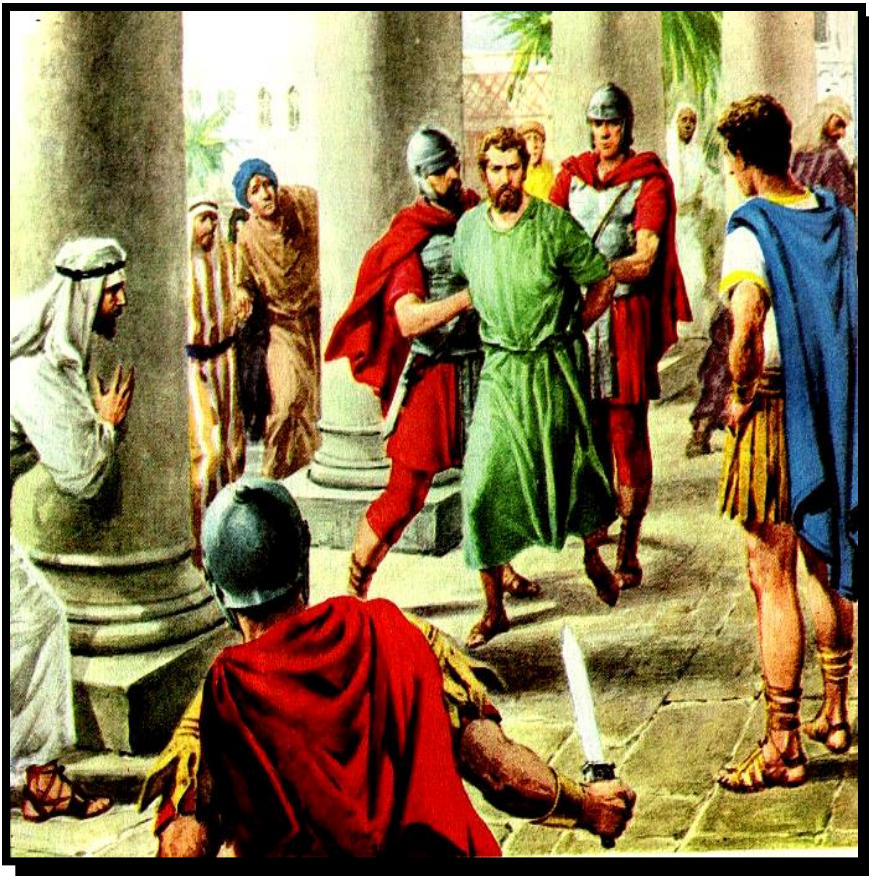
**ACTS 22**

# Review Cities of the 3rd Journey ~ chap 18:23 - 21:15

- 1. Antioch (Syria)** *Paul & Titus, Tim begin journey*
- 2. Galatia –** *Tells churches to collect for Jeru poor*
- 3. Phrygia–** *(18:23) Strengthening the churches*
- 4. Ephesus–** *Baptized 12, Write 1 Corinthians, Riot*
- 5. Troas–** *2 Cor 2:12 Paul frets--Titus not found*
- 6. Macedonia–** *2 Cor written here when met Titus*
- 7. Greece–** *Wrote Rom at Corinth (Perhaps Gal.)*
- 8. Philippi–** *Picked up Luke on the return*
- 9. Troas–** *Had Lord's Supper, Raised Eutychus*
- 10. Assos–** *Picked up Paul after walking 20 miles*
- 11. Mitylene–** *Major city on Island of Lesbos*
- 12. Chios, Samos** *—Agean island hopping*
- 13. Miletus–** *Paul addresses Ephesian Elders*
- 14. Jerusalem** *Paul delivers funds, Riot begins here*

# Paul Arrested in the Temple (Acts 21:31-32)

Acts 21:31 A report came to the the Roman Cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.



**Cohort:** detachment, 600 men or less. (ISBE)

Acts 21:32 At once he took along some soldiers & Centurions and ran down to them and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

Acts 21:33 Then the commander came up and ordered him to be bound with two chains.

34 But.. some were shouting one thing and some another, and when he could not find out the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. [fortress]



35 When he got to the stairs, he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob



**Fortress Antonia**  
Barracks for the  
Roman Soldiers  
(Acts 21:34)

# Fortress Antonia: over-looking **Temple Plaza** (As well as the rest of Jerusalem)



*Fortress Antonia,  
Temple Mount*

**Shielded windows**

**Soldiers**

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( *The Facts of Paul's Life v.1-21* )

Acts 22:1 "Brethren and fathers..." *Psychology*  
(and in *HEBREW!* Acts 21:40)

*You are my people & some are my seniors – shows respect*

Acts 21:1 Hear my  
*defense*

Against charges that he prejudiced people:  
(1) Against the *Jews*,  
(2) Moses' *Law*,  
(3) The *temple* (21:28)





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***I'm Not Against Jews or our Law!***

Acts 22:3 I am a Jew.. *I'm not against them*

Was born in Cilicia – But brought up in Jerusalem  
*Not foreigner. I'm from here.*

Educ. by Gamaliel– He's highly respected. 5:34  
*One of our very best teachers.*

Strictly by God's law— I'm conservative re our Law  
*My education is fundamental*

Being zealous for God— I'm just like your are.  
*I love God just like you do.*

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Acts 22:4 *I persecuted this Way to the death*, binding and putting both men and women into prisons..

5 as *the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify*. I also received letters from them to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

*I opposed Christianity as our highest officials can testify !*

*I was NOT opposed to Jews, our Law nor our Temple !*



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*Now what could change ME who wanted to serve God like that?*

Acts 22:6 " But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, *a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,*

v.7 I fell to the ground & heard a voice saying to me, *'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'*



v 6-18 restates his conversion in Acts chapter \_\_\_?  
*Memorize v.16 "Be baptized and wash away your sins"*

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Acts 22:17 It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance,



After *Damascus & Arabia* (Gal 1:18)

22:18 I saw Him saying to me, Make haste, & get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony.

Paul there 15 days (Gal 1:18)

22:21 And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.



This was the word that drove Jews CRAZY v.22

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Acts 22:22-23 They listened to him up to this statement, and then they raised their voices and said, " Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he should not be allowed to live !"

v.23 And as they were:

- a) crying out
- b) throwing off their cloaks
- c) tossing dust into the air



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Acts 22:24 The commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, stating that he should be examined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him.

He can't get facts from the confusing mob (21:34)

He can't get facts by Paul speaking Aramaic (21:40)

So, we'll have to Beat the facts out of him (22:25)

Acts 22:25 But when they stretched him out with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman & uncondemned?"

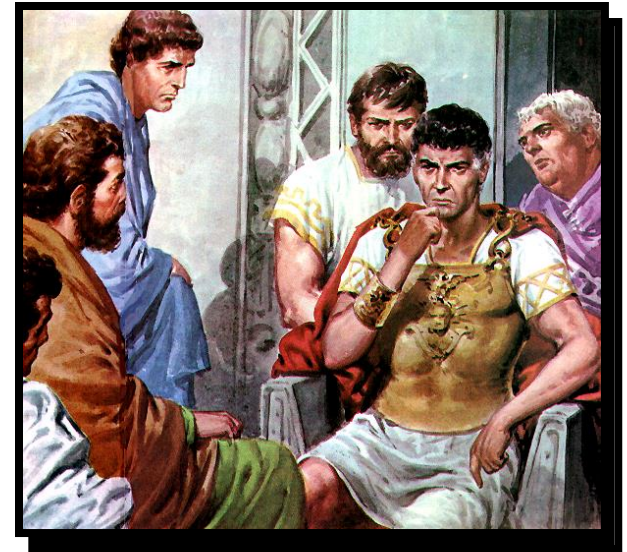


Argument used  
Acts 16:37

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Acts 22:26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and told him, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman." 27 The commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 The commander answered, "I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money." *And Paul said, "But I was actually born a citizen."*

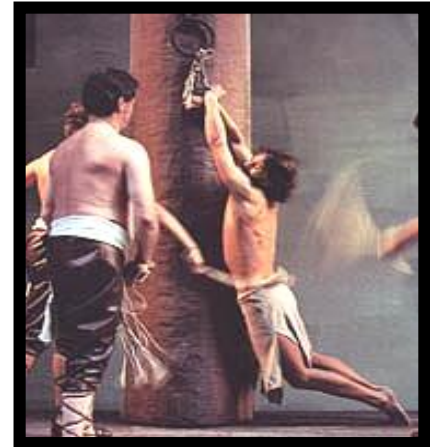


Ways to gain citizenship: 1) Be born of Roman Parents  
2) Born in a Roman City 3) Citizenship by Purchase  
4) Bestowed for Distinguished Military Service

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Acts 22:29 Therefore those who were about to examine him immediately let go of him; & the commander also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and **because he had put him in chains.**

The act of binding—usually to a **post** with intent to torture a Roman citizen, untried & uncondemned, **was unlawful.**



**Cicero:** (106-43 BC.) *Greatest Roman orator, also politician & philosopher* “**It is a heinous sin to bind a Roman citizen;** it is wickedness to beat him... & what shall I say to crucify him?”  
(*against Verres*)



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Acts 22:30 But on the next day, *wishing to know for certain why* he had been accused by the Jews, he released him & ordered the chief priests & all the council to assemble, and brought Paul down & set him before them.



- 1) Asking the Mob didn't work
- 2) Hearing Paul speak didn't work
- 3) Trying to beat it out of Paul didn't work
- 4) Maybe a hearing by supreme court will get facts