

Acts 22-23 *Paul's Open Door in Jerusalem*

NOTES

Acts 22:1-21 Paul's arrival in Jerusalem – *be ready and willing to share your testimony!*

1. Paul started his testimony with his Jewish lost background in a way that connected him to his audience.
2. The key to Paul's testimony was how he met the Lord Jesus Christ and how he surrendered to Jesus Christ as Lord!
3. Paul ended his testimony by sharing his life priorities from God AFTER salvation.

Acts 22:22-23:11 Be of good cheer – *when one door closes, press forward!*

1. The Jews gave Paul audience for a time, but when he spoke of the Gentiles, they became irate and child-like.
2. Paul was always aware of his surroundings and chose to use his Roman card and Pharisee card when necessary.
3. After much fleshly persecution, Jesus Christ Himself (the living Word of God) came to encourage Paul.

Acts 23:12-35 No matter how bad things in your life appear to be, trust God.

1. The very day after Paul was comforted and encouraged by Jesus Christ Himself, more than forty Jewish men made a conspiracy to kill Paul.
2. Paul's nephew – a young man – overheard the conspiracy and was used by God to help Paul and send advance warning to the chief captain.
3. The chief captain ordered a rescue operation of almost 500 soldiers and armed men to escort Paul to plead his case before Felix the governor of Caesarea.

Personal Applications

1. What did God speak to you about tonight? What does He want you to do differently beginning now?
2. Have you taken ownership of the Gospel ministry personally? Are you ready to advance the Gospel?