**Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship**

**LET’S READ & Study!!**

**For: 05 September 2021**

**Provided Later**

**29 August 2021**

**Paul Faces His Accusers [[1]](#footnote-1)**

Lesson Text: **Acts 22:17-29**

Related Scriptures: **Acts** 8:1-3; 9:1-30; **Matthew** 10:14-20; **Ephesians** 3:7-19

**TIME:** A.D. 56. **PLACE:** Jerusalem

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “He said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles..” **Acts 4:12 (KJV)**

***Scripture Lesson Text***

**Acts 22:17-29**

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

**18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.**

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

**20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.**

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

**22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.**

23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

**24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.**

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

**26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.**

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

**28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.**

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

**Lesson Aim**

**Facts:** To warn that hostile attitudes will exist toward Christians until Christ returns.

**Principle:** To assure that Jesus promised to direct us if we are willing to follow Him.

**Application:** To not allow fear to control us but to be willing to serve Christ at all cost.

**Introduction**

At Paul’s request, soldiers who were taking him away allowed him to address a hostile crowd from a relatively secure spot (Acts 21:27-40). He then offered a defense

1. **Developing the Lesson:** 
   1. Paul defends himself before the Jews **(Acts 22:17-21)**
   2. The people reject Paul **(Acts 22:22-24)**
   3. A beating avoided **(Acts 22:25-29)**
2. **Studying the Text**
   1. **Paul’s Appeal to Countrymen (Acts 22:17-21)**
      1. An order from the Lord (Acts 22:17-18)
      2. A protest by Paul (Acts 22:19-20)
      3. A divine Plan (Acts 22:21)
   2. **Paul’s Appeal to the Authorities (Acts 22:22-29)**
      1. An explosion of rage (Acts 22:22-24)
      2. A question of rights (Acts 22:25-26)
      3. Examination of the claim (Acts 22:27-28)
      4. A sudden respect (Acts 22:29)
3. **Take Aways**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Closing Prayer**

1. Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, 01 August 2021, *Peter and John Preach with Boldness* page 70 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)