

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *21:34* In that moment, Claudius Lysias (the commander) thought Paul was an Egyptian rebel who was wanted for inciting a previous revolt.
- 2) *21:37* The commander was amazed that the prisoner spoke Greek, the language of the educated, cultured class.
- 3) *21:39* Paul's passion to see the lost saved drove him to grab every opportunity to share the gospel.
- 4) *21:40* With torture behind him and death before him, Paul took what could have been his last stand for Christ.
- 5) *22:1* Paul spoke to the people as a friend, using the language of the street.
- 6) *22:3* Paul brought no accusation for participating in a riot; instead he applauded the people for being "zealous for God."
- 7) Paul gave his testimony in three sections:
Who he was (*22:4-5*)
 - Paul was once Christianity's most violent persecutor.
 - He identified with the rioters; there was once a time when he also misunderstood.How God intercepted him (*22:6-13*)
 - When confronted with the Truth, Paul instantly knew he had been wrong in the extreme, and that knowledge led to a response.His new responsibility (*22:14-21*)
 - The sovereign purpose of God in choosing does not release us of responsibility to respond.
 - In Paul we see a shocking reversal, from persecutor to preacher.
- 8) *22:21* Had Paul not uttered that one sentence he would have been freed.
- 9) *22:22* In the Jews' minds, some people were beyond the reach of God.
- 10) *22:24* Romans most likely did not speak Aramaic, so they would not have understood why the crowd was in a rage.

- 11) *22:25* Citizens of Rome were exempt from brutal beatings.
- 12) *22:30* Paul was able to witness to people he would never have met had he not been a Roman prisoner.
- 13) Paul's conduct is an example of how to give a testimony, particularly during persecution:
 - Paul accepted the situation as God ordained it.
 - He used the circumstances as an opportunity.
 - Paul was peacemaking toward his persecutors.
 - He did not threaten or seek revenge.
 - Paul exalted Jesus.

GREEK WORDS

- Chiliarchos (khil-ee'-ar-khos)—the commander of a thousand soldiers - colonel :- (chief, high) captain
- Hodos (hod-os')—a road; (the route); figurative a means :- journey, (high-) way
- Lymainō (loo-mah'ee-nom-a)—wreak havoc; to soil (filth) :- lay waste

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