

Paul in Jerusalem

*The Power of **RADICAL RELIGION**, Civil Government, & the Gospel*

Acts 21:4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit ~~not to set foot in~~
to stop going to Jerusalem.

Acts 21: 17-18 After we arrived in Jerusalem, ~~the brethren~~ **the brothers** received us gladly. And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

19 After he had greeted them, he began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

20-21 And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many ~~thousands~~ **myriads** {*i.e.*, tens of thousands} there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

23-24 "Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;

take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through ~~the Law~~ **law**, then Christ died needlessly."

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

Galatians 5:2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself along with them, went into the temple giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

- 27-28** When the seven days were almost over, the Jews from Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, began to stir up all the crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."
- 29** For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.
- 30** Then all the city was provoked, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.
- 31-32** While they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to ~~the commander~~ **the chiliarch** {officer over one thousand soldiers} of the Roman cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. At once he took along some soldiers and centurions and ran down to them; and when they saw the **chiliarch** and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
- 33** Then the **chiliarch** came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains; and he began asking who he was and what he had done.
- 34** But among the crowd 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.
- 37** As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the **chiliarch**, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?"
- 38** "Then you are not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"
- 39** But Paul said, "I am a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."
- 40** When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying,

Acts 22: 1 ~~Brethren~~ “**Brothers** and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you.”

2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect {*i.e.*, Aramaic}, they became even more quiet

14-15 And he said, "The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One. For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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

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!" And as they were crying out and throwing off their cloaks and tossing dust into the air,

24 the **chiliarch** 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 that way.

25-26 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 and uncondemned?" When the centurion heard this, he went to the **chiliarch** and told him, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman."

27 The **chiliarch** came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

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

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

Matthew 16:18 You are Peter {literally, “Petros”}, and upon this rock {literally, “petra”} I will build My church;

and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;

and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."