

# LESSON 8

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## PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT AT JERUSALEM (PART 1)

### PAUL'S DEFENSE (22:1–21)

This chapter contains the second account of Paul's conversion found in Acts. The first was in chapter 9; a third is in chapter 26. Each account was adapted for the intended audience. The three accounts supplement each other.

1. How does this account of Paul's conversion differ from the one in Acts 9?
2. Why did Paul call the people to whom he spoke "brethren and fathers" (22:1)?
3. What does the Greek word translated "defense" in 22:2 mean?
4. Why did Paul speak to the people in the Hebrew dialect?
5. How in Paul's speech did he demonstrate to the crowd of Jews that he understood them?
6. How did Paul indirectly show that the charges against him had no basis?
7. In what way did Paul compliment his audience in 22:3?
8. To whom did Paul refer when he said that "the high priest and all the council of the elders can testify" (22:5)?
9. To what most important event did Paul indirectly testify in 22:6–8?
10. What had Paul meant when he cried, "What shall I do, Lord?" (22:10)?
11. For what reason did the Jews hate Paul, and how did he address this issue in 22:14, 15?

12. How is the act of “calling on His name” (22:16) expressed during the baptismal ceremony?
13. How did Paul’s reaction to his vision in 22:18–20 parallel Peter’s reaction to the vision of clean and unclean animals?

#### **A PERPLEXED COMMANDER (22:22–30)**

The word “Gentiles” was as far as Paul got in his narrative. He probably planned to tell how God had blessed his work among the Gentiles and to make an appeal to his hearers to believe in the resurrected Lord. He never had that opportunity. When Paul said “Gentiles,” the mob erupted.

14. What might have been the significance of the Jews “tossing dust into the air” (22:23)?
15. What was the nature of the torture of scourging?
16. For what purpose did Paul insist on his rights as a Roman citizen?
17. By what means was Roman citizenship acquired?
18. How had Paul gained his Roman citizenship?
19. What rights were enjoyed by Roman citizens?
20. Why was Paul’s being bound a source of fear for the commander?