

Paul in Jerusalem
Acts 21:17-36
January 15, 2022

Meetings and Plans 17-25

- Paul and the Jerusalem Church leadership – James and Elders
 - Greetings and report from Paul.
 - Report from Jerusalem – many thousands have believed!
 - Zealous for Law// Heard rumors that you are “lawless.”
- Plans – Seeking to walk in wisdom
 - They will know you are here...
 - Take these men and join them in their purification rites
 - Then all will know that you have not abandoned the Law
 - Plus, we still uphold the previous standing for the Gentiles
- Question: Why would Paul agree to such a thing?
 - Some commentators: This was a tactical error! Paul should have left town!
 - But: See Jonah and the price of disobedience to the Lord!
 - Paul should have said, “no!”
 - But see Galatians 2:11ff.
 - So, why would he agree? – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Paul at the Temple 26-36

- Some Jews from Asia (Turkey!) saw Paul and lost their minds!
 - Seized Paul & stirred up the whole crowd!
 - Teaches against law and this place (see Acts 6:13)
 - Fake news! – They add, “brought a Gentile into Temple!”
 - Whole city was aroused!
- Roman Commander saves Paul from the mob.
 - Paul bound with two chains – See Acts 21:11
 - Chaos abounds!
 - Paul was removed from the scene to the barracks.
- The crowd kept shouting: “Away with him!” – See Luke 23:18

Application:

- Man intends; God superintends.
 - Providence of God – His plan is working out.
- The Gospel unleashed! - See Philippians 1:12-14