

PAUL PREACHES TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL



Acts 22:1-21

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”

ACTS 1:8

Outline of Acts

- **Acts 2** The Holy Spirit comes upon them, Peter preaches, many believe, the church is born.
- **Acts 3-6** They witness in Jerusalem: miracles, challenges outside and inside the church.
- **Acts 7** Persecution begins with the martyrdom of Stephen.
- **Acts 8** Because of that persecution the witness goes to Samaria
- **Acts 9** Saul/Paul is converted.
- **Acts 10-11** Peter goes to the Gentile Cornelius who is converted, the church is established in Antioch.
- **Acts 12** More persecution of Christians in Jerusalem.

Acts 13-14

Paul's First Missionary Journey

Scale of Miles
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Scale of Kilometers
0 100 200 300 400

Route of the Egnatian Way
Route of Paul's First Missionary Journey



* A Pass through the Taurus Mountains

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Acts 16-18



Acts 19-21



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (*Rev. 2-3*)
- ← Paul's route

Looking Ahead

Paul Preaches:

- To the Jewish people — Acts 22
- To the Sanhedrin — Acts 23
- To Felix the governor — Acts 24
- To Festus the governor — Acts 25
- To King Agrippa — Acts 26

Paul ultimately appeals to Caesar! — Acts 25:12 & Acts 26:32

Paul's journey all the way to Rome — Acts 27-28

witnesses

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS





PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS ABOUT HIS CREDENTIALS AS A ZEALOUS JEW.

Acts 22:1-5

Paul's Credentials as a Zealous Jew

¹ "Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you." ² And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said: ³ "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. ⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, ⁵ as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

ACTS 22:1–5

PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS ABOUT THE PERSON OF JESUS.

Acts 22:6-16

The Person of Jesus

⁶ “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. ⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, **why are you persecuting me?**’ ⁸ And I answered, ‘**Who are you, Lord?**’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, **whom you are persecuting.**’ ⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’

ACTS 22:6–10

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²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

—EPHESIANS 5:29–32

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The Person of Jesus

¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus. ¹² “And one Ananias, **a devout man according to the law**, well spoken of **by all the Jews** who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, ‘**The God of our fathers** appointed you to know his will, to see **the Righteous One** and to hear a voice from his mouth; ¹⁵ for **you will be a witness for him** to everyone of **what you have seen and heard**. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, **calling on his name**.’

ACTS 22:11–16

PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS ABOUT HIS MISSION TO THE GENTILES.

Acts 22:17-21

Paul's Mission to the Gentiles

¹⁷ “When I had returned to **Jerusalem** and was **praying in the temple**, I fell into a trance ¹⁸ and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ ¹⁹ And I said, ‘Lord, **they themselves know** that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. ²⁰ And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ ²¹ And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’ ”

ACTS 22:17–21

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¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

-ROMANS 11:11-15

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¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

-ROMANS 11:11-15

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²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵ At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

-ROMANS 15:23-29

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²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷ For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

-ROMANS 15:23-29

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²⁸ When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. ²⁹ I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

-ROMANS 15:23-29

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³⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

—ROMANS 15:30–32

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⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

—ROMANS 10:9-13

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¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

—ROMANS 10:9–13

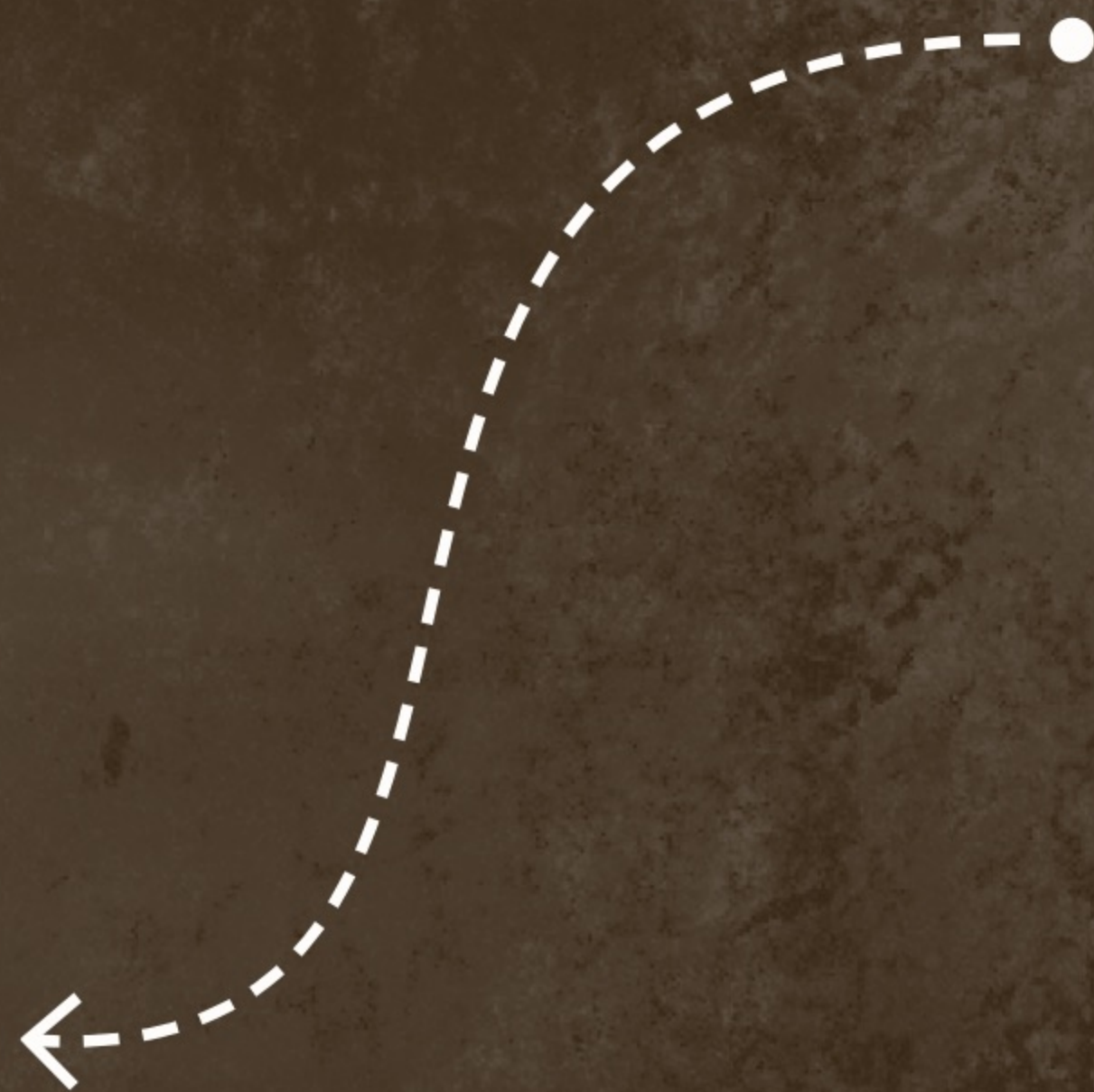
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Response to Paul's Message

²¹ And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the **Gentiles.**' " ²² **Up to this word they listened to him.** Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live."

ACTS 22:21–22

**In a fractured,
tribalistic world we
don't get to give
up on the unity of
the Church just
because it would
be easier.**





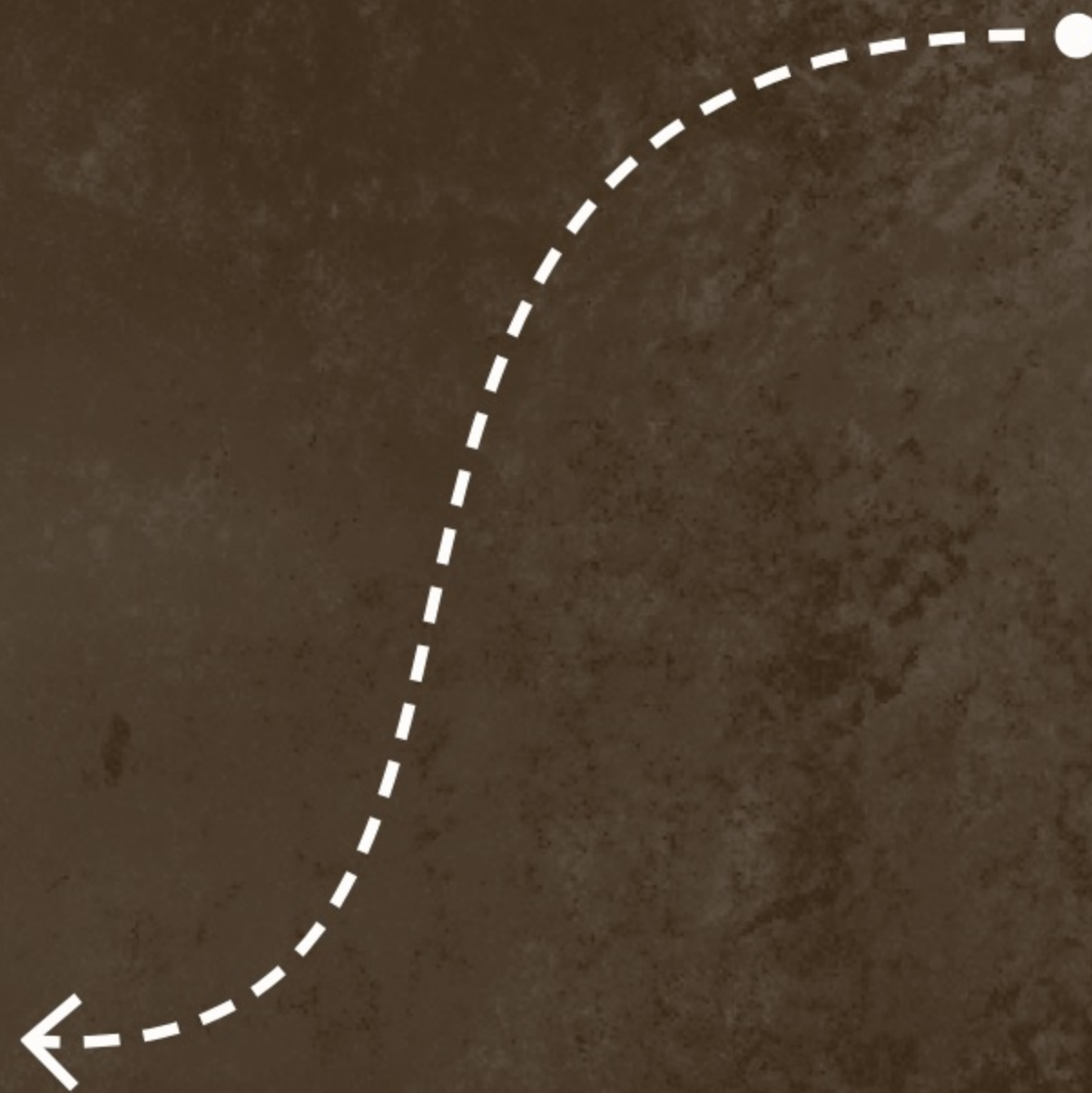
We also have to be careful not to fall into the pride of despising others.

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The Jews conceived so great good liking of themselves, that they did not only despise all the whole world in comparison of themselves, but they stood also more stoutly in defense of their own dignity than of the law itself.

—JOHN CALVIN

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**Keep Jesus
central.**



witnesses

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