

July 31–August 6

Acts 22–28

“A Minister and a Witness”



Paul Recounts His Vision and Conversion

Acts 22:6-10

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Acts 9:7

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man

JST Acts 9:7

And they who were journeying with him saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him who spake to him

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Acts 22:11-16

According to Ananias, what was the reason Christ appeared to Paul?

Spencer W. Kimball

“On the road to Damascus, a company of men traveled together. A spectacular event came from the heavens, but only one man was in tune to receive it. That which was but static to all the other ears was an awesome call to duty to Saul of Tarsus, and changed his life, and contributed toward the transformation of millions of lives, but he was the only one who was attuned.” (CR, April 1970)

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Acts 22:17-22

What message does Paul say he received from God while he was in the temple?

Why do you think that this message made the mob even more determined to him?

Hugh Nibley

"When [Stephen] had the effrontery to say, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him' (Acts 7:56-58)... Those fatal words, 'I see,' were his death warrant. And what did Paul say to make the Jews cry out in utter horror: 'Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.'... Paul could have won his audience over by speaking as a scholar, but when he bore witness to what he had seen and heard, he was asking for trouble." ("The World and the Prophets", pg. 14-15)

Paul Imprisoned In Jerusalem

Acts 23:11-14

What does Christ tell Paul that gives him peace and comfort?

Paul Imprisoned In Jerusalem

Acts 26:13-18

According to the Lord, what was His purpose in visiting Saul?

Paul Imprisoned In Jerusalem

Acts 26:19-23

According to Paul, what was the reason the Jews want him killed?

Did Paul's imprisonment stoped him from teaching and testifying?

Paul Imprisoned In Jerusalem

Acts 26:24-29

What insight does Paul have about king Agrippa?

What can we learn from king Agrippa's comment, "almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"?

Harold B. Lee

“We were back East a short time ago, and a good bishop made an interesting comment about what he called the saddest words that he knows of a man in high station. He read from the words in the days of the Apostle Paul when Paul before King Agrippa had borne his powerful testimony of his conversion. King Agrippa's reply was, ‘Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.’ Then the bishop said, ‘The king knew the truth but he lacked the courage to do that which would be required.’” (CR, April 1964)

JS-H 1:24

However, it was nevertheless a fact that I had beheld a vision. I have thought since, that I felt much like Paul, when he made his defense before King Agrippa, and related the account of the vision he had when he saw a light, and heard a voice; but still there were but few who believed him; some said he was dishonest, others said he was mad; and he was ridiculed and reviled. But all this did not destroy the reality of his vision. He had seen a vision, he knew he had, and all the persecution under heaven could not make it otherwise; and though they should persecute him unto death, yet he knew, and would know to his latest breath, that he had both seen a light and heard a voice speaking unto him, and all the world could not make him think or believe otherwise.

Paul Imprisoned In Jerusalem

Acts 26:30-32

Paul Imprisoned In Rome

Acts 28:16-17, 21-23

What was it that sparked enough interest in the local Jewish leaders to want to hear Paul's message?

What lesson can we take for this example of being “spoken against”?

George Q. Cannon

"Despite [slanderous] sayings, the work of God still goes on and is making rapid strides towards the fulfillment of that high destiny which its Author has predicted concerning it. When you compare this [latter-day] work with the work that was done by Christ and His apostles you will find a great analogy between the two. If we are everywhere spoken against and our names cast out as evil, they were served the same way....

"In former times, men have been hated and despised... for no other cause than for preaching the truth in its purity and standing up in defense of holy and pure principles revealed from heaven. In fact the persecutions..., instead of being an evidence against, are an evidence in favor of the truth of the work they are engaged in. Jesus says, 'Woe unto you, when all men speak well of you' (Luke 6:26). He warned His disciples of danger when their names here honored and when all men spoke well of them."
(JD, 12:362)

Paul Imprisoned In Rome

Acts 28:29-31

He bore witness of his conversion to the Jewish mob in Jerusalem.

He bore witness in the courts of Felix, Festus and Agrippa.

He bore witness to many of the 300 passengers on the ship.

He taught and administered to the inhabitants of Melita.

He was able to teach to the Jewish leaders in Rome.

He taught in Rome for 2 years to all who visited him.

Next Week:

August 7–13

Romans 1–6

“The Power of God unto Salvation”

