

Paul is Arrested in Jerusalem. Oh, No, Not Again!

Acts 22

Paul arrives in Jerusalem. He spends some days with the disciples. The Jews know of his presence and take him as a prisoner. They beat him and probably would have killed him if it were not for the Roman soldiers who intervened.

Paul requests to speak to the people. He quiets the crowd and tells his story about how at one time he persecuted Christians and had them killed. On the road to Damascus, the Lord changed Paul's heart from hate to love. He tells the people that he now preaches love for the Lord.

The people listen but they are still very angry. The Romans take him and are about to beat him when Paul tells them he is a Roman citizen. When they realized they were about to beat a Roman citizen who had not been found guilty, which was illegal, they released him.



Photo: Church

Every Day with God

Paul just can't seem to escape hostile crowds. He is forever being put in prison. What a life! Why doesn't he just give up? He promised God that he would spread the truth and that is what he is doing—spreading the truth.

Many people don't want to know the truth and as Paul very well knows, speaking the truth can be deadly. Speaking the truth can also be very gratifying. Paul experienced much gratification when he spoke to both Jews and Gentiles about the love of Jesus and, do you know what, we will too.

Hearing the word of God is all about hearing the truth.

Prayer: Help me speak the truth to others about Jesus.