



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 46 – Acts 22

People — Who is involved?

*Saul of Tarsus – making a defense of his faith
Ananias – the preacher sent to Saul
Commander of the Roman forces in Jerusalem*

Places — Where does it happen?

Jerusalem

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 1 – Paul had addressed the commander in the Greek language. He speaks to the crowd in Hebrew. This speech was not directly intended for the Romans but for Paul's Jewish brethren.*
- Vs 3 – All the hearers knew who Gamaliel was. He was one of their foremost rabbis and teachers. At that point, Paul was a pre-Christian unbeliever. He is still bearing his sins. Until his sins were washing away, he was a lost man even though religious, moral, and having a clear conscience. He was not saved yet though he had seen the light, believed who Jesus is, prayed, and repented.*
- Vs 9 – Paul evidently means that they did not understand the voice. They heard a voice sound (9:7).*
- Vs 10 – At this point, Paul is a pre-Christian believer (that is, he believes in Jesus but must do something more to be a true Christian.) He would need to hear the gospel message and its requirements to be saved (see 1 Corinthians 1:21; Romans 1:16-17; 10:10-17).*
- Vs 16 – Upon being baptized,, Paul would be a Christian believer (his sins washed away).*
- Vs 17 – Paul says that he returned to Jerusalem after being saved, but the Lord sent him to other places because the Jews would not listen to him.*
- Vs 21 – When Paul said God had sent him to Gentiles, the Jews stopped listening to his defense.*
- Vs 24 – It appears the commander was going to try to beat the truth out of Paul by scourging. Scourging was beating with a whip (flagella) of leather thongs to which were attached metal or bone chips.*
- Vs 25 – A Roman citizen was not to be scourged. The place of scourging was called the Gabbatha. It was a stone pavement in the fortress courtyard. Jesus was probably scourged there.*
- Vs 28 – Paul was a Roman citizen by birth, having been born in Tarsus, a free Roman city.*
- Vs 30 – The council was the Sanhedrin, the high court consisting of 70 Jewish scribes, elders, & priests. The commander asks for them to meet to determine the reasons for the chaos*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. Before becoming a Christian, Saul was both an Israelite and a citizen of Rome.*
- 2. Salvation from sin comes through hearing the gospel and obeying it.*
- 3. To become a Christian, one must be baptized and wash away his sins.*