



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

Following Paul's arrest and identification in chapter 21, the apostle gives his first defense speech. He declares himself to be a faithful Jew, one who has responded to the promises of God, and who is following the direction of the Messiah. He will go on to explain that because of the appearance of Jesus to him, he no longer persecutes Jewish Christians but rather he is a believer. In his defense speech, Paul speaks of his conversion and of his past Jewish efforts to persecute Christians. He recounts his calling to preach the gospel and to go to the Gentiles. That, of course, creates additional resentment among the Jews. Their reaction seems to border on violence and the captain takes Paul into the barracks.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *Was Saul of Tarsus saved from his sins when he saw the light on the road?*
2. *What role did Ananias play in Saul's conversion?*
3. *What was Saul of Tarsus told to do so that his sins could be washed away?*
4. *What did the Lord have in mind for Saul to do for Him after his conversion?*
5. *What benefits did Saul have as a Roman citizen?*

Questions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.