

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Under Arrest"
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1. Verses 18-22 – Paul Greet The Elders:

Acts 21:18

"And now the following day" – Paul has arrived in Jerusalem. Acts 21:17

James – Tradition says he was the half brother of Jesus, being the offspring of Joseph and Mary after the birth of Jesus, Matt. 1:24-25

This same James is mentioned as a leader of the Church in Jerusalem. Acts 12:17; 15:13-21; 21:18 Gal. 2:9,12

Acts 15:23-29

John 7:5

Acts 21:19

Acts 10-11, 15

Acts 21:20

"And when they heard it they began glorifying God;" – (Amplified Bible: "they adored and exalted and praised and thanked God")

This Teaching strikes at the very core of Christianity; this distinction separates Christianity from Religions, Cults, and Ism's! (The Cross is insufficient) John 19:30 He said, "It is finished!"

Salvation is all of God's Grace and it is received through Faith! Eph 2:8-9

Acts 21:21

Acts 16:1-3

Acts 18:18

1 Cor. 9:19-23

1 Corinthians 7:19

Acts 21:22

2. Verses 23-26 – Paul Receives Counsel:

Acts 21:23-24

The leaders suggested that Paul demonstrate publicly his reverence for the Jewish Law.

Should Paul have taken this Advice? Did he compromise in doing so?

“If by a compromise, policy can be served without the sacrifice of principle, it is justifiable.”

Acts 21:25

Acts 15:19-20

Acts 21:26

1 Cor. 9:20

3. Verses 27-40 – Paul Taken Into Custody:

Acts 21:27

Acts 20:19

Romans 12:17-18

Acts 21:28

Romans 9:1-3

“and against the Law,” Romans 7:12

Romans 7:14

Temple – was divided into 5 different courts. Court of the Gentiles, Court of the Women, Court of Israel, Court of the Priests, The Inner Court or Holy of Holies.

The Court of the Gentiles – This was the outer court that the gentile converts could come to.

Ephesians 2:14

Acts 21:29-31

Claudius Lysias, Acts 23:26

Acts 21:32

2 Tim. 3:12

Phil. 1:29-30

John 15:19

Philippians 1:29

The balance is that along with the promise of suffering, there are promises to sustain, His promise of His presence, His help in our time of need.

Psalms 34:19

“A Suffering-Free Christianity is a hoax, it may be popular but it is not Bible!”

Acts 21:33-36

Luke 23:18, 21; John 19:15

Acts 21:37

1 Peter 4:12-14

Acts 21:38-40

Application:

1. Obedience To God's Will Is To Be Pursued. Not Because It Is Convenient, Or Because It Might Benefit Me, But Because God Directs Me To Do So.
2. The Church Can Live With Disharmony, But The Church Cannot Live With The Destruction Of The Gospel.
3. Paul's Attempts To Make Peace Met With Failure. It Does Not Mean That Paul Compromised. What It May Teach, No Matter What We Do, You Can't Bring Peace In Some Situations.
4. What One Area In My Life Is God Wanting Me To Commit To Him? My Commitment Is To Follow God No Matter What. Trust Him To Help During Those Times Of Suffering.