

'Paul Goes to Jerusalem'

Acts 21: 27~40 [ESV]

¹⁷When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. ¹⁸On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, ²¹and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. ²²What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. ²⁵But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled and from sexual immorality." ²⁶Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

²⁷When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, ²⁸crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." ²⁹For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. ³⁰Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. ³¹And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. ³²He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. ³⁴Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. ³⁵And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the

crowd, ³⁶for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!"

³⁷As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?" ³⁸Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?" ³⁹Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people." ⁴⁰And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

■ Understanding the text

1. Find out about a Jerusalem leader who met Paul on the day after Paul's arrival at Jerusalem.
 - Who was he?
 - How many "Jews of those who have believed" were there and what is special about them according to this leader? [v.20]
 - What did he suggest to Paul given the situation? [v.24]
2. Paul almost was murdered in Jerusalem. Who saved him at that time? [v.32] Let us find reason(s) for rescuing Paul. [v.36]
3. Let us learn about Paul through scripture as we focus on verses 37-40.
 - What are two fluent languages that Paul used? How do you think he became bilingual?
 - Of which city did Paul claim to be a citizen?

■ In depth Bible Study Questions

1. Despite much difficulty, Paul collected much offering in order to assist the church in Jerusalem. He and church representatives brought the offering to Jerusalem, however, having heard that people in Jerusalem misunderstood him, Paul pursued a symbolic act to remove such misunderstanding. Yet, his actions caused even more anger among Jews. In summary, Paul was misunderstood and created even bigger misunderstanding by trying to resolve a misunderstanding. What are your thoughts regarding this situation and then share your opinion with others.
2. Fortunately, Paul was rescued from his death by 'a tribune's intervention. Let us again organize this incident as a whole. The tribune's intervention was "a way out" for Paul. Have you experienced "a way out" in your life? What is the meaning of "a way out"?

■ Learning with Small Group Leader

1. Today's long scripture is about Paul's experience from collecting offering from various Hellenistic regions [v.17] and bringing it to Jerusalem. What are the common features of Tyre and Caesarea, two of the cities that Paul and his companions passed through after leaving Miletus? [vvs.21:3-6, vvs.7-14]. Study with leader.

March 2017 First Meeting

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Announcements

1. 2017 Chodae Church slogan is 'One Heart New Man' [한 새사람을 이루자]
2. Please follow the program guideline below during your small group meeting:
2- 3 Praise Songs / Representative Prayer / Scripture Reading / Video Watching / Group discussion
3. Community Bible Verse Memorization and Special Song schedule is as follows:
* Community 17 (3/3), Community 18 (3/10), Community 19 (3/17)
* Community 20 (3/24), Community 21 (3/31), Community 22 (4/7)
4. April Small Group Leaders Training:
* Sunday, March 26, 3:15 pm @3rd floor Worship Room
5. Family Oriented Small Group Training
* Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am @2nd floor Classroom
6. Please be sure to submit a small group report via online after each Small Group meeting
7. The second Small Group study guide will be available on the second Sunday of every month in the church lobby
8. The program "If You Love, You Evangelize" in which a small group (순) will give a "birth." We expect each small group to have "Life" to give a "Birth".
9. Please pray for the second construction phase of Education Building