

ACTS 22; October 23; Paul Tells of His Conversion

ANALYSIS:

1. When Paul began to speak to the Jews that took him out of the temple and were about to kill him, what did he do that got their attention?

2. How did Paul introduce himself to this Jewish mob?

3. When the LORD struck down Saul outside Damascus, can you state the 4 conversations between Jesus and Saul, beginning with, "Saul, Saul, ..."

4. What did Paul say to the Jewish mob that caused them to interrupt his speech? _____

5. Why was the Roman chief captain afraid after he had rescued Paul from the mob? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The elf-righteous exclusiveness of the Jewish nation toward Gentiles is here demonstrated. These Jews did not understand that God was bringing a Savior out of Abraham's seed for all nations of the earth. They were very hostile toward that fact in spite of the many O. T. references. "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen 12:3; 28:14). "In thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed (Gen 22:18; 26:4). We today can rejoice with thanksgiving for additional N. T. references: "saying unto Abraham, and in thy seed shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:25-26). "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed" (Gal 3:8). And the LORD transformed a Jew to be the great apostle and evangelist to many of our Gentile forefathers!

What a thrill to see that the company of saints in heaven are praising the Lamb with a song saying "thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev 5:9). Let us rejoice in everyone who loves and trusts the Lord Jesus Christ. What a family we are a part of, the family of God!

HELP:

1. Paul spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue (v 2).

2. He was a Jew, born in Tarsus, taught by Gamaliel in Jerusalem according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, zealous toward God, he had persecuted those of this way, and he had consented to Stephen's death (vs 3-4, 20).

3. THE LORD: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" SAUL: "Who art thou, Lord?"

THE LORD: "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." SAUL: "What shall I do, Lord?"

4. When Paul said the Lord told him, "Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles" (vs 21-22).

5. Because he learned Paul was a Roman citizen and he had bound him and almost scourged him (vs 25-29).