

# PART 30: PAUL IN JERUSALEM, PT 2

ACTS 22:22-23:11

Mike Taylor

[www.TaylorNotes.Info/monday](http://www.TaylorNotes.Info/monday)



## SUMMARY



### **I. PAUL AND THE ROMAN TRIBUNE (22:22-30)**

#### **A. The violent reaction of the mob (22:22-23)**

1. Paul's insistence that the Lord Jesus had sent him to minister to the despised Gentiles was too much for the angry mob.
2. The mob lost any semblance of self-control.

#### **B. Paul about to be flogged (22:24)**

1. The Roman tribune (commander) realized he would have to interrogate Paul privately, so he ordered his soldiers to take Paul away from the angry mob.

2. Scourging/flogging<sup>1</sup> was a brutal Roman interrogation method frequently resulting in the prisoner dying.

### **C. Paul announces his Roman citizenship (22:25-29)**

1. Paul now exerted his rights as a Roman citizen.
2. Roman citizens were exempted from such beatings by Roman law.
3. Roman citizenship was officially not for sale but could sometimes be obtained by bribing corrupt officials.

### **D. Paul is sent to the Sanhedrin (22:30)**

1. The council (Sanhedrin) was the Jewish "supreme court."
2. It consisted of 71 members including the high priest.

## **II. PAUL STANDS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN (23:1-11)**

### **A. Paul rebukes the high priest (23:1-10)**

1. The cruel high priest (Ananias) ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth.
2. Outraged by the high priest's flagrant violation of Jewish law, Paul flared up in anger.
3. Paul's reaction was wrong, as he would shortly admit (v. 5).
4. Those standing near Paul were appalled by his harsh rebuke of the high priest.
5. Paul asserted that he is a Pharisee who stands before the Sanhedrin and believes in the resurrection of the dead.
6. So intense was their theological disagreement with the Sadducees that the Pharisees were willing to defend Paul.
7. Paul is taken back to the Roman barracks (23:10)

### **B. The Lord informs Paul that he will testify in Rome (23:11)**

1. This was the fifth of six visions Paul received in Acts, all coming at crucial points in his ministry.
2. Jesus encouraged Paul by telling him that his desire (Rom. 1:9-11; 15:23) to visit Rome would be granted.

---

<sup>1</sup> The Roman flagellum was metal-tipped leather thongs attached to a wooden handle.