

# December 12/Day 346

## Acts 20

### Verses 1-4

- We actually already read the first four verses before we jumped over to Romans, but I listed them here again for context reminder.

### Verses 5-6

- So, if we started off here reading from verse 5, we wouldn't know who "these" were unless we looked back to verse 4.
- There are three time phrases in this verse. What are they?

### Verses 7-12

- What is the time reference here regarding the day of the week?
- What did they meet to do on this day of the week?
- Why did Paul prolong his message?
- What is the name of the young man sitting in the window?
- What happened to him?

### Verses 13-16

- Remember, while this is about Paul, he is not the author of Acts. The author is Luke.
- Where did Paul and Luke meet up for Paul to board ship?
- Why did Paul skip Ephesus this time?

### Verses 17-24

- How had Paul served the Ephesians when he was with them?
- What did he declare and where did he do this?
- What two steps are needed for salvation according to verse 21?
- What did Paul tell the elders about Jerusalem?

### Verses 25-35

- Did he think he would see them again?
- Why did he say he was innocent of the blood of all men?
- What were his instructions to the Ephesian elders?
- What was he afraid would happen to them?
- Where would these men come from?
- Is there any application for us?

- What did he say about working hard to minister to them?

Verses 36-38

- How did the meeting with the Ephesian elders conclude?

## Acts 21

Verses 1-6

- Lots of places to mark on your map if you so choose.
- We get our word “phonics” from the Phoenicians. The first written language is said to have been developed there.
- Where was cargo unloaded?
- How long did he stay with the disciples?
- How did the visit with the disciples conclude?

Verses 7-14

- Whose house did Paul and Dr Luke visit in Caesarea?
- What spiritual gift had been imparted to his four daughters? Remember, the New Testament gift of prophecy is not foretelling of future events, it’s speaking the truth of God for purposes of revealing what is in a person’s heart. We saw this in Corinthians.
- What word did Paul receive as confirmation from the Holy Spirit through Agabus?
- Paul already knew his plight, but how did the others feel?

Verses 15-16

- With whom did they stay in Cyprus?

Verses 17-26

- Where had they arrived in this passage?
- What does verse 20 tell us about the number of Jews in Jerusalem who had believed?
- What did Paul do with the men who had taken the vow?

Verses 27-26

- What did the Jews from Asia begin doing among the crowd?
- What was their accusation against Paul? Was this the truth?
- How did the entire city become provoked against Paul?
- What did they intend to do with him?
- What did the commander of the Roman cohort do?

Verses 37-40

- What happened in this passage?
- Did you notice the chapter ends in a strange place? Again, the chapter and verse divisions are man-made, added for our ease in finding a specific passage, but this would have been written without division.

## Acts 22

Verse 1

- Just to be sure, who is speaking? Whom is he addressing?

Verses 2-5

- We have seen Gamaliel before, but we weren't told he was Paul's mentor until now.
- Jesus says He is the Way in John 14:6.
- What had he done to the church prior to his conversion?
- Did he believe he was serving God at that time?
- Do you remember in which chapter in this same book, Acts, we find Paul's conversion? He gives his testimony below.

Verses 6-29

- How did the men of the city respond to Paul's testimony?
- What were the commander's orders?
- How did Paul escape scourging? (Whipped with leather straps containing bone, glass, and metal).

Verse 30

- What happened the next day?

## Acts 23

Verses 1-5

- How did Paul respond to the high priest Ananias's order that he be struck?
- Is there any application for us? Some Christians would say lay down and let them walk on you? Is it possible to stand up for what is right, yet still be a kind person?
- Jesus used the picture of the whitewashed wall for hypocrites in Matthew 23, remember?

Verses 6-10

- How does this passage say the Sadducees and Pharisees differ in beliefs?
- What was happening between these sects in regard to Paul?

Verse 11

- What did God think about Paul's behavior?
- What did He tell him he was yet to do?

Verses 12-15

- What was the Jewish conspiracy against Paul?
- How many men were in on it?

Verses 16-22

- The son of Paul's sister would be of what relation to Paul?
- What information did he have for the commander?

Verses 23-25

- What did the commander order be done with Paul?

Verse 26

- What was the commander's name according to his letter to the governor, Felix?

Verses 27-30

- Do you think the events surrounding Paul are similar to those of Jesus?

Verses 31-35

- What time of day was it when the soldiers took Paul away from the barracks?
- Where was Paul to be kept? Until when?

See you tomorrow.