

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 22

Acts 22:1-5

1. How does Paul establish his “credentials” as he begins to speak to the crowd?
2. Whom does Paul call upon as witnesses to what he is saying?
3. How does Paul both relate himself to, and distance himself from, the desires of the crowd now stirred up against him?

Acts 22:6-16

4. Why would Paul’s account of his Damascus road experience be very brief on this occasion?
5. What was the crowd’s reaction to the story thus far? Would they be likely to believe what Paul was telling them?

Acts 22:17-22

6. What is it that brings the crowd to the point of wanting to kill Paul?

Acts 22:23-30

7. Why would the people in the crowd throw off their cloaks? Why would they throw dust into the air?
8. What was the tribune’s plan for getting to the truth of the situation? Why did he not carry it out?
9. Why would the tribune be fearful when he heard that Paul was born a citizen?
10. So what was the tribune’s revised plan for getting to the truth of the situation?

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Chapter 23

Acts 23:1-10

1. Why would Paul's first statement move the high priest to anger, so that he would order those near him to hit Paul in the mouth? What does this reveal about the high priest?
2. What does Paul's initial response reveal about Paul's temperament and his mood?
3. Why might Paul not have realized that Ananias was the high priest?
4. How did Paul excuse his condemnation of Ananias? Did he "take it back"?
5. What was the effect of Paul's bringing up "the resurrection of the dead"?

Acts 23:11-15

6. What happened that night? Why? What was the effect?
7. What plot was hatched the next morning? Why were the forty willing to go to such lengths to remove Paul from the scene?

Acts 23:16-35

8. Who learned of the plan and told Paul about it? What did Paul do?
9. What was the tribune's response when he heard of the plot?
10. Why did he send that many soldiers and spearmen? Why did the bulk of the party turn back at the halfway point?
11. How was Paul received by the governor? How did the governor know that the accusers would show up?