

## Acts 22

### A Riot and Speech

- “According to Josephus, this false prophet presented himself as a new Moses or Joshua, gathered together thousands of followers, and lived in the desert. He predicted Jerusalem’s walls would fall like Jericho when surrounded by his men, leaving Roman forces exposed. Instead of this happening, four hundred of his rebels were killed, two hundred were captured, and the Egyptian and the rest fled.” // Polhill, Acts, 455
- “Tarsus was one of the great university cities in the Roman world.” // Stott, Message of Acts, 347
- “His life and ministry weren’t the result of his own imagination and wild ideas. They were the result of the sovereign, transforming grace of Jesus. Paul used this defense opportunity as an occasion to speak the good news.” // Merida, Exalting Jesus in Acts
- *If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. // Philippians 3:4-7*
- *12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord*

*overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. // 1 Timothy 1:12-17*

- “Both [Isaiah and Paul] were told that people would reject their messages. Isaiah was told to stay in the city to face the rejection, but Paul was told to leave.” Polhill, Acts, 462

### Paul and the Roman Tribune

- *Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed. // 2 Corinthians 4:7-9*
- “It was not uncommon for the victim to die as a result of the flagellum.” // Polhill, Acts, 464
- “His claim of citizenship could have been verified in the public records of Tarsus.” Johnson, Let’s Study Acts, 278

### Paul Before the Council

- “The Sanhedrin included the high priestly aristocracy and the ruling elders, who were mainly Sadducees. The minority of members were Pharisees, who were represented among the scribes.” // Polhill, Acts, 470

- *You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. // Leviticus 19:15*
- “According to historical records, Ananias was known for greed, a quick temper, violence, and pro-Roman sentiments.” // Merida, Exalting Jesus in Acts
- “In less than ten years, Ananias’s Jewish freedom fighters would assassinate him.” Polhill, Acts, 468