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Acts 21:17-26

**Paul Arrives in Jerusalem
Faces Severe Conflict**
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Paul Recounts Gentile Ministry

Acts 21:17-19 (NASB)
After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. After he had greeted them, **he began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.**

- Luke has provided the details in the previous chapters of Acts

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God Glorified & Impending Conflict

Acts 21:20-21 (NASB)
And when they heard it **they began glorifying God**; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; and **they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.**

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A Course of Action Proposed

Acts 21:22-24 (NASB)
"What, then, is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and **all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law."**

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Previous Decision Reaffirmed

Acts 21:25 (NASB)
"But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication."

- This was the topic of the first Jerusalem Council
- The decision is found in Acts 15:19-20

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Paul Follows Their Plan

Acts 21:26 (NASB)
Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself along with them, went into the temple giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

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