

## IF ONLY...

### Acts 21:27-40

#### Theme: The commencement of Paul's incarcerations

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The commencement of Paul's incarcerations begin with what is recorded in Acts 21: \_\_\_\_.

This is Paul's \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> visit to Jerusalem since his conversion.

This is at the time of Pentecost in A.D. \_\_\_\_.

Paul would be executed during his 2<sup>nd</sup> Roman imprisonment in A.D. \_\_\_\_.

A.D. \_\_\_\_ Acts 21:27 - 23:22 Seized by Asiatic Jews; saved by Roman military.

A.D. 56-59 Acts 23:23 - 26 Imprisoned in Caesarea (24:27)

A.D. \_\_\_\_ Acts 27 Voyage to Rome

A.D. 59-67 Acts 28 Roman imprisonments.

**Vss. 27-28** It is easier to claim to defend a holy place than to be a holy p\_\_\_\_\_.

**Vss. 29-30** "No foreigner may enter within the barricade which surrounds the temple and enclosure. Anyone who is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his ensuing d\_\_\_\_\_." (F. F. Bruce)

**Vss. 31-32** These Asiatic Jews are not interested in j\_\_\_\_\_; but in prejudice.

The name of the "*chief captain*" (or "chiliarch," commander of 1,000 men), is "C\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ " (Acts 23:26; 24:7, 22).

**Vss. 33-34** Large, angry crowds are presumed to be right; however, "a m\_\_\_\_\_ never knows what it is doing, nor why." (Carver)

**Vss. 35-36** "Away with him" was also said of J\_\_\_\_\_ in Lk 23:18; Jn 19:15.

**Vss. 37-38** These "*murderers*" "mingled with crowds at festivals and the like with d\_\_\_\_\_ hidden beneath their cloaks, and stabbed their opponents by stealth." (F. F. Bruce)

**Vss. 39-40** Paul takes advantage of his Roman c\_\_\_\_\_ to testify to the crowd.

*It is tempting to say "if only" regarding Paul's...*

#### I. PURPOSE (19:21; 20:16; 21:4, 12)

"IF ONLY PAUL HAD NOT \_\_\_\_\_!"

#### II. COUNSELORS (21:23)

"IF ONLY PAUL HAD NOT \_\_\_\_\_!"

#### III. ASSOCIATIONS (28-29)

"IF ONLY PAUL HAD NOT \_\_\_\_\_!"

#### IV. WORDS (21:40; 22:21-22)

"IF ONLY PAUL HAD NOT \_\_\_\_\_!"