

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd

ACTS 21:15-40; 22:1-30

When Paul went to Jerusalem, the Jewish believers welcomed him and listened as Paul told about the good things that God was doing among the Gentiles in other places.

The Jewish believers in Jerusalem praised God for all that He was doing. Then they told Paul that some of the Jews were upset. These Jews thought Paul was not teaching the Gentiles to obey God's laws.

These Jews had seen Paul in Asia. They came and stirred up the crowd. "He teaches against our people and our law," they declared, and they tried to kill Paul. The Roman commander sent soldiers to arrest Paul. When the crowd saw the soldiers, they stopped beating him. The mob became so angry that the soldiers had to take Paul to the Roman jail to protect him.

Paul could have entered the jail without facing the crowd who tried to kill him. Instead, with permission, Paul spoke to the people in their own language. Paul said, "I am a Jew, and I wanted to please God, just as you do. I arrested people whom I thought were against God. One day on my way to Damascus to arrest more people, I saw a bright light. I fell to the ground and heard someone call my name.

"Why are you persecuting Me?" the voice asked.

"Who are you?" I answered.

"The voice explained He was Jesus. I was to go into Damascus where someone would tell me what to do. Because I was blind from the light, a believer named Ananias came to me and made me see again. He explained that God planned for me to tell about Jesus to everyone.

"I got up, was baptized, and left for Jerusalem. While I was praying, I saw Jesus warning me I was in danger. I knew the Jews remembered me. I helped persecute others, including Stephen. But God told me to go and preach to the Gentiles. God wants everyone to be saved."

When the men heard this, they shouted for Paul to be killed. The commander ordered him beaten and questioned. But when Paul said he was a Roman citizen and was entitled to a fair trial, the commander stopped the beating. He took Paul before the Jewish leaders to learn what happened.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 8:28

LIFE POINT: People can tell about Jesus even in difficult times.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, your child learned that people can tell about Jesus, even in difficult times. Paul stood on the steps of the temple and spoke to an angry crowd. He knew why they were angry, but that did not deter him from sharing the good news about Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

Has your child ever experienced difficulty because of her belief in Jesus? The times in which we live are becoming increasingly difficult for Christians. Help your child talk about ways to stand up for what he believes even when he faces resistance.

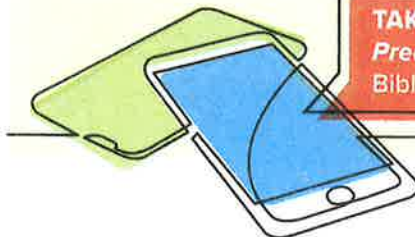
LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Missionaries are Christians called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 8:28
Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:4
Tuesday: Psalm 94:19
Wednesday: Romans 15:5
Thursday: Matthew 5:4
Friday: 2 Timothy 1:7
Saturday: Romans 8:15

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



UNIT VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8 (CSB)



Riddle and Tell

Sometimes kids let things keep them from telling others about Jesus. Solve these riddles to learn some things kids might be afraid of. If you need help, check out the upside down hints.

My friends are important to me, and they might not want to hear. I am afraid ...

My words get mixed up sometimes and don't come out the way I want. I am afraid ...

I know the Bible is important and I should tell my friends what it says. I am afraid ...

I haven't been a Christian very long. I am afraid ...

I might forget something important
I might not know what I need to know
I might not say it right
my friends might not like me anymore

Important Things

Find these verses and match them to the important things someone needs to hear about Jesus.

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 6:23

John 1:12

People who believe and trust in Jesus as Savior become children of God.

Jesus died for us.

Everyone has sinned.

Our sin separates us from God.