

Compelled by Love

Acts 21:37-22:11

Context: Acts 21:37-40

Nearly _____ by a Jewish mob, who intended to kill him on the spot (21:31), Paul is taken into custody by the Roman tribune for _____.

Thinking initially Paul to be a _____ figure who led a murderous rebellion against Rome, he realizes he is in fact _____.

Paul asks for permission to address those who had moments before brutally beaten him, charging him with being _____ (21:28).

The **painful irony:** Romans 9:1-5!

Paul's Passionate Defense to His People: Acts 22:1-22

Some questions/observations from the text:

Why do "good people" need the Gospel?

What is the relationship of Jesus to His people (the church)?

How was Paul saved?

What is the purpose/value of Christian community (the church)?

What is the message and affirmation of baptism?

What does the Gospel call me to do?

Gospelling via testimony:

- _____ ground
- Life _____ Christ
- My _____ with Christ and my _____ to Him
- My _____ (not perfect) life

And they listened to Paul ... up to the point of _____. And then they were _____.

5 Questions for Every Believer:

Do I _____ people enough to _____, even if they reject it and me?

Will I be _____ to my calling as _____ and not be dissuaded by opposition?

Am I _____ to take the risk of _____ for the sake of the Gospel?

Am I _____ to speak boldly and confidently in that moment of _____?

Will I _____ enough to obey Him and leave the _____ in His hands?

1 Question for Any Unbeliever:

Do you understand why we want – so desperately – for you to hear the Good News, and why we are willing to be misunderstood, rejected, and even hated for it?