On two occasions, on the steps of the barracks (22:1) and before the Sanhedrin (23:1), Paul attempted to make a defense for his actions. He also used the two trials and his time before King Agrippa to testify to his life's story and how Jesus, the Messiah, radically changed his life.

To say the Jewish Rulers were not in a listening mood would be an understatement. However, Paul persisted in testifying to what Christ had done in his life. At one point Paul was accused of being "out of his mind" but this did not stop him from proclaiming the Good News. Proclaiming Christ was Paul's reason to live (see Phil. 1:21).

Review

Paul's arrival in Jerusalem (21:17-26)

Paul's arrest (21:27-36)

Paul's speech to the crowd (21:37-22:21)



(22:21-23)

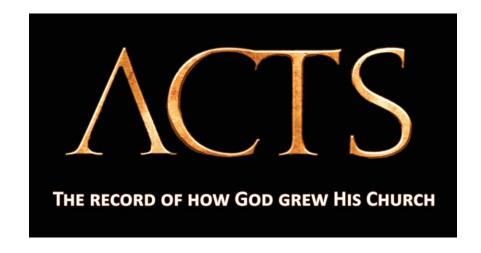
Paul, the Roman citizen (22:24-29)

Paul, before the Sanhedrin (22:30-23:10)

Paul is comforted by the LORD (23:11)

Personal Application and Group Interaction

- 1. Complete the sentence on the cover "for me to live is..." Share your answer and why?
- 2. How do Paul's actions in chapters 21-23:11 encourage you to be bold when sharing the Good News?
- 3. Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem in spite of repeated warnings that he would experience suffering. What motivated Paul to so intently want to go to Jerusalem?
- 4. What are some of today's **FLAMMABLE WORDS?**When are they most often used/abused?
- 5. Just as Paul's Roman citizenship kept him from being flogged, our United States' citizenship affords us freedom of worship. How do you make use of this privilege; how could you take more of an advantage of this freedom?
- 6. Paul had a clear conscience before God (23:1). Where do you struggle in your efforts to keep your conscience clear before God?



FOR ME TO LIVE IS...

Acts 22:21-23:11

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