

#### Acts 21:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Then after having drawn away from them [we] set sail, having run directly we came to Cos, and the next [day] to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.<sup>2</sup>And having found a boat, passing over into Phoenicia, having gone on board, we set sail.<sup>3</sup>Then having sighted Cyprus we left it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre. For there the ship was unloading the cargo.<sup>4</sup>Then having sought out the disciples, we remained there seven days, who through the Spirit kept telling Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup>Then when it happened that we had completed the days, having set out we journey, with all the women and children accompanying us as far as outside the city. And having bowed our knees on the shore, having prayed<sup>6</sup> [and] having said farewell to one another, we then went up into the boat. Then they returned to their own.<sup>7</sup>Then having completed the voyage from Tyre, we came down to Ptolemais and having greeted the brothers, we stayed one day with them.<sup>8</sup>Now on the next day, having gone forth, we came to Caesarea. And having entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, being of the seven, we stayed with him.<sup>9</sup>Now with this [man], there were four daughters, virgins, prophesying.<sup>10</sup>Now [we] remaining many days, a certain prophet from Judea named Agabus came down.<sup>11</sup>And having come to us and having taken Paul's belt, having bound his feet and hands he said, "This says the Holy Spirit, 'In this way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man of whom is this belt and will deliver [him] into [the] hands of [the] Gentiles.'<sup>12</sup>Then when we had heard these things, *both and* we and those of that place, began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup>Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I [am] not only to be bound but to also die at Jerusalem, have readiness, for the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>14</sup>Then [Paul] not being persuaded, we were silent, having said, "The will of the Lord be done."

#### Acts 21:15-26

<sup>15</sup>Now after these days, having packed the baggage, we started on our way up to Jerusalem.<sup>16</sup> Then also [some] of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing [one] with whom we would lodge, Mnason, a certain Cypriot [and] an early disciple.<sup>17</sup>Now having arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers gladly received us.<sup>18</sup>Now on the following [day], Paul went in with us unto James, and all the elders arrived.<sup>19</sup>And having greeted them, he began to relate one by one, the things God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.<sup>20</sup>Then having heard [they] began glorifying God. *Both and* they said to him, "Brother, you see how many myriads having believed there are among the Jews, and [they] are all zealous ones for the law.<sup>21</sup>Now they had been informed about you, that you teach apostasy from Moses [to] all the Jews among the Gentiles, telling them not to circumcise children nor to walk in the customs.<sup>22</sup>Then what is to be done? Certainly, they will hear that you have come?<sup>23</sup>Therefore you do this, what we say to you. There are four men having a vow in themselves with us.<sup>24</sup>Having taken these [men], be purified with them and bear expense for them, so that they may shave their heads. And all will know that which they have been informed about you is nothing, but you walk orderly also keeping the law yourself.<sup>25</sup>Now concerning those of the Gentiles having believed, we wrote [to them], having adjudged to keep them from *both and* sacrificed idols, and blood, and what is strangled, and sexual immorality.<sup>26</sup>Then on the following day, Paul having taken the man [and] having been purified with them, entered into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification until a sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

## Acts 21:27-40

<sup>27</sup>Now when the seven days were about to be completed, the Jews from Asia, having seen him in the temple, began stirring up all the crowd and laid hands upon him,<sup>28</sup> crying out, "Men, Israelites, help! This is the man who [is] teaching all those everywhere against the people and the law and this place. *Both and* he has also brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place."<sup>29</sup>For it was they having previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they were supposing that Paul had brought into the temple.<sup>30</sup> *Both and* the whole city was thrown into commotion and there was a rushing together of the people. And having laid hold of Paul, they dragged him outside the temple and immediately the doors were shut.<sup>31</sup>*Both and* as they were seeking to kill him, there came a report to the commander of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.<sup>32</sup>Who at once, having taken soldiers and centurions with [him] ran down upon them. And having seen the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.<sup>33</sup>Then having drawn near laid hold of him and commanded [him] to be bound with two chains and began inquiring who he might be and what it is that he has been doing.<sup>34</sup>However, some in the crowd were crying out one things and some another. Now not being able to know the facts on account of the uproar, he ordered him to brought into the barracks.<sup>35</sup>Now when he came to the stairs, it happened that he was carried by the soldiers, because of the violence of the crowd.<sup>36</sup>For the multitude of the people were following crying out, "Away, with him!"<sup>37</sup>*Both and* being about to be brought into the barracks Paul says to the commander, "Is it permitted to me to say something to you?" Then he [the commander] was saying, "Do you know Greek? Then you are not the Egyptian [who] before these days having led a revolt and having led out the four thousand Sicarii<sup>a</sup> into the wilderness."<sup>39</sup>However, Paul said, "I am indeed a Jewish man of Tarsus, a citizen of no insignificant city, allow me to speak to the people."<sup>40</sup>Then having allowed him, Paul having stood on the stairs made a sign with [his] hand to the people. Then [a] great silence having taken place, he spoke to [them], in the Hebrew<sup>b</sup> language saying:

## Acts 22

<sup>1</sup>"Men, brothers and fathers, hear now my defense to you."<sup>2</sup>Then having heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quite. And he says, "I am a man, a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, having been instructed according to [the] exactness of the law of our fathers, being a zealous one for God, even as all [of] you are this day. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted this as far as death, binding and betraying *both and* men and women to prisons, <sup>5</sup>and even the high priest bears witness to me and all the elderhood. And from whom I received letters to the brothers, I was on my way to Damascus, to also bring thise being there, bound to Jerusalem, in order that they might be punished.<sup>6</sup>However, it happened to me [as I was] journeying and drawing near to Damascus, [at] about noon, suddenly a great light out of heaven shown around me.<sup>7</sup>*Both and* I heard a loud voice saying, 'Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?'<sup>8</sup>Then I answered, 'Who are you Lord?' *Both and* he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.'<sup>9</sup>Then those being with me, indeed beheld the light. However, they did not hear the voice of the [one] speaking to me.<sup>10</sup>Then I said, 'Lord, what shall I do?' And the Lord said to me, 'Having risen up go to Damascus, and there it will be told you concerning all [the] things that it has been appointed [to] you to do.'<sup>11</sup>But while I could not see

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<sup>a</sup>A group of Jewish zealots opposed to the Roman occupation. They used small daggers, *sicae*, to attack crowds of Romans and their sympathizers.

<sup>b</sup>His speech was recorded in Greek not Hebrew

from the brightness of that light, being led by the hand of those being with me, I came to Damascus.

<sup>12</sup> Then [a] certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, borne witness to by all the Jews dwelling [there],<sup>13</sup> having come to me and having stood by [me], [he] said to me, 'Saul, brother, receive your sight.' And the same hour I looked up at him.<sup>14</sup> And he said, 'The God of our fathers, has appointed you to know his will, and to see the righteous one, and to hear [the] voice out of his mouth.<sup>15</sup> For you will be a witness for him of what you have seen and heard to all men.<sup>16</sup> Now why do you delay? Having arisen, be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.' <sup>17</sup> Then it happened to me, having returned to Jerusalem, and praying in my temple, I fell into a trance.<sup>18</sup> And [I] saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and go away with speed out of Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony about me.' <sup>19</sup> And I said Lord, 'They themselves know that I was imprisoning and beating those believing on you in each of those synagogues. And the blood of your witness Stephen was poured out, and I myself was standing by and consenting, and watching over the garments of those killing him.' <sup>21</sup> And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to [the] Gentiles.'<sup>22</sup> Now they were listening to him until this word, and they lifted up their voice saying, 'Away from the earth with such. For he is not fit to live!'<sup>23</sup> *Both and* they were crying out and casting off [their] garments, and throwing dust into the air.<sup>24</sup> The commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, having directed him to be examined by flogging, so that he might know for what cause they were crying out like this against him.<sup>25</sup> However, as he stretched him forward with the straps, Paul said to the centurion standing by, 'Is it lawful for you to flog a man if [he is] Roman and uncondemned?'<sup>26</sup> Then the centurion having heard, having gone to the commander, he reported saying, 'What are you going to do? For this man is a Roman.' <sup>27</sup> Then having come near, the commander said to him, 'Tell me, are you a Roman?' And he was saying, 'Yes.'<sup>28</sup> Then the commander answered, 'I bought this citizenship with a great sum.' But Paul was saying, 'However, indeed, I was born so.'<sup>29</sup> Therefore, immediately those being about to examine him departed from him, and the commander was also afraid having ascertained that he is a Roman and because he had him bound.<sup>30</sup> Now on the next day desiring to know for certain why he is accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the Chief Priests and all the council to assemble. And having brought Paul down, he set [him] among them.

#### Acts 23:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Then Paul having looked intently at the council said, "I in all good conscience have lived as a citizen to God unto this day."<sup>2</sup> Then the high priest, Ananias commanded those standing by him to strike his mouth.<sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, "God is about to strike you, you white washed wall<sup>c</sup>! And you, do you sit judging me according to the law and command me to be struck violating the law?"<sup>4</sup> Now those who stood by said, "Do you insult the high priest of God?"<sup>5</sup> *Both and* Paul was saying, "Brothers, I was not aware that he is [a] high priest. For it has been written: You shall not speak evil [of] [the] ruler of your people."<sup>6</sup> Then Paul having known that one part [of the council] consists of Sadducees and the other of Pharisees, he began crying out in the council, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, [the] son of a Pharisee. I am judged concerning [the] hope and resurrection of [the] dead."<sup>7</sup> Then [because] of him saying this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the crowd was divided.<sup>8</sup> For indeed the Sadducees say there is not to be a resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit. However, Pharisees confess both.<sup>9</sup> Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the party of the Pharisees having risen up were contending saying, "We find nothing evil in this man. But what if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"<sup>d</sup> <sup>10</sup> Then [with] a great dissension arising, the commander having feared lest Paul should be torn to

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<sup>c</sup> Hypocrite

<sup>d</sup> Some ancient texts add, "Let is not fight against God."

pieces by them, he commanded the troop, having gone down, *both and* to take him by force from their midst [and] to bring [him] into the barracks.<sup>11</sup> But the following night, the Lord having stood by him said, "Take courage for as you have fully testified about me at Jerusalem, so it behooves you to also testify in Rome."<sup>12</sup> Then when it was day, the Jews having made a conspiracy put themselves under an oath, declaring neither to eat nor to drink until [that] day they should kill Paul.<sup>13</sup> Now there were more than forty having made this plot,<sup>14</sup> who having come to the chief priest and elders said, "We have bound ourselves with an oath, to eat nothing until that day we should kill Paul. Now, therefore you along with the council make a report to the commander, so that he might bring him down to you, as being about to more earnestly examine the things concerning him. Then we are ready to kill him before his drawing near.

#### Acts 23:16-35

<sup>16</sup>However, the son of Paul's sister having heard of the ambush, having come near and having entered into the barracks, he reported to Paul.<sup>17</sup> Then Paul having called on one of the centurions to [himself] he was saying, "Take this young man to the commander. For he has something to report to him."<sup>18</sup> Therefore, indeed the [centurion] having taken him brought [him] to the commander and he says, "The prisoner Paul having called to me, asked [me] to lead this young man to you, having something to say to you."<sup>19</sup> Then the commander having taken hold of his hand and having withdrawn in private, he began to inquire, "What is that you have to report to me?"<sup>20</sup> Then he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you tomorrow [that] you might bring Paul down into the council, as being about to more earnestly inquire something about him."<sup>21</sup> Therefore, you should not be persuaded by them. Indeed, more than forty of their men, who have put themselves under an oath neither to eat nor drink until [when] they killed him. And now they are ready, awaiting the promise from you."<sup>22</sup> Therefore, indeed the commander dismissed the young man having instructed [him], "Tell no one these things that you have reported to me."<sup>23</sup> And having called two certain centurions to [him] he said, "*Both and* prepare two hundred soldiers, so that they might go as far as Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, for the third hour of the night, provide mounts, so that having set upon [them] they might safely bring Paul to Felix, the governor,<sup>25</sup> having written a letter, having this form:<sup>26</sup> Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent governor, Felix: Greetings.<sup>27</sup> This man, having been seized by the Jews, and being about to be killed by them, having come up with the troop, I rescued [him], having learned that he is a Roman.<sup>28</sup> *Both and* resolving to know the charge on account of which they were accusing him, I brought [him] down to their council.<sup>29</sup> Whom I found being accused concerning questions of their law, however having no accusation worthy of death or of chains.<sup>30</sup> Then it having been disclosed to me that [there] would be a plot against the man. At once I sent [him] to you, also having instructed the accusers to speak these things against him before you.<sup>31</sup> Therefore, indeed the soldiers, according to that having been ordered [to] them, having taken Paul, brought [him] by night to Antipatris.<sup>32</sup> Now on the next day, having allowed the horsemen to go with him, they returned to the barracks,<sup>33</sup> who having entered into Caesarea, and having delivered the letter to the governor, also presented Paul to him.<sup>34</sup> Then having read [it], and having asked from what province he is [from], and having learned that [he is] from Cilicia.<sup>35</sup> He was saying, "I will fully hear you when your accusers may have arrived having commanded him to be guarded in the Praetorium of Herod."

#### Acts 24

<sup>1</sup>Then after five days the high priest Ananias came down [with] some elders and a certain orator Tertullus, who made a representation to the governor against Paul.<sup>2</sup>Then having been called Tertullus began to accuse him saying, “We are attaining great peace through you and excellent measures are being done to this nation through your foresight,<sup>3</sup>*both and* in every way and everywhere, we gladly accept [it] most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.<sup>4</sup>However, in order that I should not be a hinderance to you any longer, I implore you to briefly hear us [in] your kindness.<sup>5</sup>For having found this man is a pest and stirring insurrection among all the Jews in the world, *both and* a leader of the sect of Nazarenes,<sup>6</sup>who even attempted to profane the temple, whom we also seized.<sup>8</sup>By examining him yourself concerning all these things of which we accuse him”<sup>9</sup>Then the Jews also agreed with him, declaring these things to be so.<sup>10</sup>*Both and* Paul having made a sign to the governor to speak: For many years, as being judge to [the] nation, knowing this, I cheerfully make a defense concerning myself to these things.<sup>11</sup>You are being able to know that there are not more than twelve days to me, from which I went up to worship in Jerusalem.<sup>12</sup>And neither did they find me reasoning with anyone in the temple, or making a tumultuous gathering of a crowd, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city.<sup>13</sup>Nor are they able to prove to you concerning [the things] of which they now accuse me.<sup>14</sup>However, I confess this to you, that according to the way which they call a sect, so I serve the God of our fathers, believing all things throughout the law and that has been written in the Prophets,<sup>15</sup>having a hope in God which they themselves await [that] there is about to be a resurrection of *both and* [the] just and unjust.<sup>16</sup>Also, in this I myself strive through everything to have a conscience toward God and men without offense.<sup>17</sup>Now after many years I arrived to my nation to bring alms and offerings<sup>18</sup>during which they found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd nor in tumult. However, some [are] Jews from Asia,<sup>19</sup>who ought to appear before you to make accusation if they have anything against me.<sup>20</sup>Otherwise let them say it themselves [if] they found any unrighteousness in me, having stood [me] before the council,<sup>21</sup>Other than this one [thing] concerning [the] resurrection of the [dead].<sup>22</sup>However, Felix put them off, having precisely more knowledge of the things concerning the way having said, “When the commander Lysias might have come down, I will examine you as to things.”<sup>23</sup>Having commanded the centurion to keep him *both and* to [let him] have ease and not to forbid his own to minister to him.<sup>24</sup>Then after some days Felix having arrived with Drusilla, his wife, being a Jewess, he sent for Paul and hear him concerning the faith in Jesus Christ.<sup>25</sup>Then he was reasoning concerning righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment [and] Felix having become frightened answered, “Go away for the present; Then having found the opportunity, I will call for you.”<sup>26</sup>And at the same time he was hoping riches will be given [to] him by Paul. And therefore he was often sending for him [and] was talking with him.<sup>27</sup>However, two years having been completed Felix received Porcius Festus [as] successor. *Both and* wishing to acquire for himself favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

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<sup>e</sup> Some ancient sources add to the end of verse 6 through the beginning of verse 8, “And we would have judged him according to our law. But the chief captain Lysias came and with great violence took him out of our hands, commanding accusers to come before you.”