

Acts 22-26

The book of Acts contains some of the best preaching ever recorded.

How Acts is laid out:

- (The Christ of the Church – Luke 1-24)
- The History of the Church – Acts 1-12
- The Growth of the Church – Acts 13-28
 - First Missionary Journey – Ch. 13, 14
 - Jerusalem conference – Ch. 15
 - Second Missionary Journey – Ch. 15-18
 - Third Missionary Journey – Ch. 19-21
 - Paul on trial & journey into Rome – Ch. 22-28
 - On trial – Ch. 22-26
 - Journey to Rome – Ch. 27-28

1. A Brief overview of our chapters under consideration: ABCs of Acts

22: Valiant Defense

- Paul's first telling of his conversion account.
- 2ns record of it in Scripture.

23: Waiting to Kill Paul

- Paul notices a divided audience.
- States his desired audience was Felix.

24: Xcuses of Felix

- Paul speaks for himself.
- The audience tries every way possible to delay obedience.

25: Yet Untried by Caesar

- God's providence is getting Paul to Rome is on full display in this chapter.
- The foolish audience showed their ignorance.

26: Zealous Toward God – Part I

- Paul preaches before a so-called "Jewish expert."
- Paul forces his audience to "put their money where their mouth is" or look foolish.

2. Paul's Preaching in These Chapters

- 21:39 Told his background.
- 40 Spoke in Hebrew.
- 22:1 Calls it a defense.
- 3-5 Told details he might not be proud of.
- 6-21 Recounted his conversion.
- 16 Emphasized the urgency of baptism.
- 21 Spoke things that wouldn't settle well with his audience.
- 25 Held key details ("Being a Roman") until necessary.
- 27-28 Answered questions.
- 23:1 States personal feelings.
- 3 Pointed out his audience's inconsistencies.
- 5 Quotes Exodus 22:28.
- 6 Knew his audience was some Pharisee and some Sadducee.
- 24:10 Happy to preach.
- 12-13 Called out his enemies.
- 14 Gave validity to God's Word.
- 15 Preached hope and resurrection.
- 16 Preached on the conscience.
- 18-21 Illustrated his opponent's fallacies.
- 24 Preached the faith in Christ.
- 25 Reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment.
- 25 Made his audience tremble.
- 25:11 Appeals to Caesar – fulfilling God's promise of going to Rome.
- 26:1 Got his audience's attention with his hand.
- 3 He knew his audience – expert on Jewish affairs.
- 4-6 Recounts his heritage.
- 9-12 Paul admits wrongdoings in his life.
- 13-18 Paul retells his conversion.

- 14-18 Quotes from the Lord.
- 19-23 Explains why he is before Agrippa.
- 22-23 Preached Christ from the Old Testament
- 25 Defends his own character.
- 26 Admits there were many witnesses to his actions.
- 27 Point-blank asks his audience about his salvation.
- 29 He encourages a response from his audience.

3. How Did Paul Preach on Trial?

1. Happily – 24:10
2. Grabbed Attention – 21:40; 26:1
3. Quoted Scripture – 23:5
4. Preached Christ through the Old Testament – 26:22-23
5. Knew his audience – 22:21; 23:6; 26:3; 26:27
Even things they wouldn't like to hear – 22:21; 22:25; 23:6
6. Illustrated wrongdoings of himself – 22:3-5; 26:9-12
And those of others – 23:3
7. To the point – 22:16; 24:25; 26:27
8. Answered the audience's questions – 22:27-28
9. Made his audience rethink their state – 24:25; 26:28
10. Encouraged a response from his audience – 26:27, 29

We are to imitate Paul as he imitated Christ – 1 Corinthians 11:1 – just maybe we won't always be in chains like he was – Acts 26:29!

Do we preach like Paul today?

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