

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

MORNING MESSAGE

“How the Preacher Became a Prisoner”

Acts 21:27-40

- I. THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE PEOPLE (vv.27-30)
 - A. Who were the accusers? (v.27)
 1. They are called “the Jews which were from Asia”
 - B. What were the accusations? (vv.28-30)
 1. There were three general accusations (v.28a)
 - a. He speaks against “the people” (Jews)
 - b. He speaks against “the law” (law of Moses)
 - c. He speaks against “this place” (the temple)
 2. There was one specific accusation (vv.28b-30)
 - a. He brought a Gentile into the temple
 - C. H.A. Ironside, “How easy it is to get excited over suppositions and go to extremes because of imaginary things without seeking to find out the truth”
- II. THE ARREST OF THE PREACHER (vv.31-36)
 - A. These verses give the details of how the preacher became a prisoner
 1. The intent of the crowd (v.31a)
 2. The interruption of the captain (vv.31b-32)
 3. The inquiry of the captain (vv.33-34)
 4. The intensity of the crowd (vv.35-36)
- III. THE ADDRESS OF THE PRISONER (vv.37-40)
 - A. Luke records the dialogue between the chief captain and Paul
 1. The request of Paul (v.37a)
 2. The response of Claudius (vv.37b-38)
 3. The reply of Paul (v.39)
 4. The recognition of Claudius (v.40)