

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

MORNING MESSAGE

“Keep Calm and Preach On”

Acts 22:22-23:11

- I. PAUL WAS CALM BEFORE THE CROWD (22:22-23)
 - A. The anger of the critics (v.22)
 1. One word angered the critics – Gentiles
 - B. The action of the crowd (v.23)
 1. The crowd became a mob
- II. PAUL WAS CALM BEFORE THE CAPTAIN (22:24-30)
 - A. The reaction of the captain (vv.24-25)
 1. The captain ordered Paul to be “examined by scourging”
 - B. The return of the captain (vv.26-28)
 1. When it was discovered that Paul was a Roman citizen, the captain returned
 - C. The response of the captain (vv.29-30)
 1. The captain did everything he could to undo the wrong
- III. PAUL WAS CALM BEFORE THE COUNCIL (23:1-11)
 - A. The confession before the council (v.1)
 1. Paul addressed the council respectfully, but not customarily
 - a. In Acts 4:8, Peter addressed them as, “Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel”
 - b. In Acts 7:2, Stephen addressed them as, “Men, brethren, and fathers”
 - B. The confrontation with the council (vv.2-5)
 1. Ananias, the high priest, ordered someone to “smite him on the mouth”
 - C. The conflict between the council (vv.6-10)
 1. Paul made an announcement that divided the council, “I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope of the resurrection of the dead I am called into question”
 - D. The consolation after the council (v.11)
 1. There was a divine presence (v.11a)
 2. There was a divine promise (v.11b)