

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 22

What we will see in this chapter:

- What Paul said to the Jews in his defence
- How the Jews reacted

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 5	1. What did Paul tell the Jews about his early life?	He told them that he was instructed in the Jewish law by Gamaliel and was zealous. He was violently opposed to those who followed Christ.
6 to 11	2. What happened to Paul on his way to Damascus? <i>Text note: Paul was known as Saul in his earlier days.</i>	A great light shone around him and he fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' Saul answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' Jesus said to him 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute.'
12 to 16	3. What did Ananias tell Paul?	He told Paul that God had appointed him to be a witness for him to all men of what he had seen and heard. He then told him to be baptised, and wash away his sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
17 to 21	4. What did Paul say happened in Jerusalem and what was he told?	While he was praying he was told to leave Jerusalem quickly. He was told he would be sent far away to the Gentiles.
22	5. What was the reaction of the Jews to what Paul told them?	The crowd became violent and wanted to have him killed.

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23 to 29	6. What was the commanding officer proposing to do and why did he change his mind?	He proposed to scourge and question Paul, but changed his mind when he discovered Paul was a Roman citizen.
30	7. What happened to Paul on the next day?	On the next day he was brought before the Jewish council.

3 Related theme from v 10: *God's message asks us to change our lives.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Psalms 51 v 10	Our hearts need to be cleaned to give us a right spirit (or motivation).
Romans 12 v 2	Our minds need to be transformed from being conformed to this world.
Ephesians 4 v 22 to 24	We need to change from our old corrupt way of life to one showing God's holiness and truth.
Colossians 3 v 8 to 10	We should change our ways and should resist being angry, malicious and dishonest.