



Introduction

The commander allows Paul to speak to the Jews (v 1).

They turn on him and he is taken to the barracks. The next day he is taken before the Jewish leaders.



Questions

1. How does Paul describe his early life?
2. What did Ananias tell Paul that God had appointed him for?
3. What was it that Jesus said to him that so annoyed the Jews?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 21** Paul speaks the crowd (who tried to kill him - chapter 21) and defends his preaching, explaining that he was once a zealous Jew violently opposed to those who followed Christ. He tells them about his life-changing conversion on the road to Damascus (see theme). He then relates his role in Stephen's death and his commission from Jesus to preach to Gentiles (non-Jews)
- **v 22 and 23** The crowd listens to Paul until he mentions preaching to non-Jews. They become violent and want him killed
- **v 24 to 30** He is taken into the barracks by the Roman soldiers, but avoids being scourged by telling the centurion that he is a Roman citizen. On the next day he is brought before the Jewish council

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme

God's message asks us to change our lives

A selection of verses showing that God's message in the Bible asks us to change the way we think and behave.

Our hearts need to be cleaned to give us a right spirit (or motivation):

Psalm 51 verse 10

Our minds need to be transformed from being conformed to this world:

Romans 12 verse 2

We need to change from our old corrupt way of life to one showing God's holiness and truth:

Ephesians 4 verses 22 to 24

We should change our ways and resist being angry, malicious and dishonest:

Colossians 3 verses 8 to 10



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:
 Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 14 and 15, Q 3: v 21

Bible timeline

