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Paul Arrested in Jerusalem

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Acts 6:13–14 ¹³And they put forward false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases speaking words against this holy place and the Law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us.”

Matthew 24:15 ¹⁵“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

Acts 24:6 ⁶“And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him. We wanted to judge him according to our own Law.

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Acts 20:4 4And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.



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2 Kings 11:15 ¹⁵And Jehoiada the priest commanded the commanders of hundreds who were appointed over the military force and said to them, “Bring her out between the ranks, and whoever follows her put to death with the sword.” For the priest said, “Let her not be put to death in the house of Yahweh.”

Acts 16:19 ¹⁹But when her masters saw that their hope of profit had left, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities,

Acts 26:21 ²¹“For this reason some Jews seized me in the temple and were trying to put me to death.

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Acts 10:1 ¹Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort,

Acts 23:26 ²⁶“Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, greetings.

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Acts 23:27 ²⁷“When this man was arrested by the Jews and was about to be slain by them, I came up to them with the troops and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

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Acts 20:23 ²³except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me.

Acts 21:11 ¹¹And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

Acts 22:29 ²⁹Therefore those who were about to examine him immediately withdrew from him; and the commander also was afraid when he learned that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

Acts 26:29 ²⁹And Paul said, “I would pray to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains.”

Acts 28:20 ²⁰“For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel.”

Ephesians 6:20 ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains—so that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

2 Timothy 1:16 ¹⁶The Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,

2 Timothy 2:9 ⁹for which I endure hardship even to chains as a criminal. But the word of God has not been chained.

Acts 12:6 ⁶Now on the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

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Acts 19:32 ³²So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the meeting was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

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Acts 23:16 ¹⁶But when the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, he came and entered the barracks and reported it to Paul.

Acts 23:32 ³²But the next day, leaving the horsemen to go on with him, they returned to the barracks.

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Luke 23:18 ¹⁸But they cried out all together, saying, “Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!”

John 19:15 ¹⁵So they cried out, “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

Acts 22:22 ²²And they were listening to him up to this statement, and then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he should not be allowed to live!”

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Acts 5:36 ³⁶“For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who were following him were dispersed and came to nothing.

Matthew 24:26 ²⁶“Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them.

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Acts 9:11 ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,

Acts 22:3 ³“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been brought up in this city, having been instructed at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strictness of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today,

Acts 6:9 ⁹But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and were arguing with Stephen.

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Acts 12:17 ¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he recounted to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, “Report these things to James and the brothers.” Then he left and went to another place.

John 5:2 ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

Acts 1:19 ¹⁹And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

Acts 22:2 ²And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even quieter; and he said,

Acts 26:14 ¹⁴“And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

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