



# A PAINFUL PATH

## FACING GOD'S PLANS WITH COURAGE

### ACTS 21:27-36

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## 1. Know Christianity Is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.27-28a)

• So, be courageous & unyielding \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Know Christianity Is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.28b-33)

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## 3. Know Christianity Is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.34-36)

• So, be courageous & unyielding \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 21:27** When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, **28** crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." **29** For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. **30** Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. **31** And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. **32** He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. **33** Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. **34** Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. **35** And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, **36** for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!" (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 10:9; 14:6** and **Acts 4:11-12**. What are some of the reasons this truth causes so much consternation and frustration for the people of this world?
2. Read **Isaiah 5:20-24**. Give some examples of how our current culture reflects Isaiah's description of the culture in Israel during his lifetime.
3. Read **2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**. How is your prayer life lately? Why is it so important to keep praying for your own, as well as others, resolve to faithfully follow Christ?
4. Read **John 17:14-18**. Why is your knowledge of and commitment to God's word so important as you incur more and more pushback from the people around you for being a Christian?
5. Read **Hebrews 13:5-6** and **Romans 8:31-39**. Why are these such important truths to keep in view if you are to grow in your faith and resolve to live for Christ in this generation?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 20-06 – **Unashamed of Christ's One Way**
- Msg. 22-33 – **Interacting with Earthly Governments**
- Msg. 20-43 – **The Fear of God & Our Government**
- Msg. 20-07 – **Resolved to Keep Speaking**
- Msg. 18-06 – **Living as Christ's Expatriates**
- Msg. 11-20 – **Obedience, Honor, & April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Msg. 18-04 – **Submitting to Christ's Sovereign Authority**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Is.56-58 & 1Th.3
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Is.59-61 & 1Th.4
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Is.62-64 & 1Th.5
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Is.65-66 & 2Th.1
Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> .....	Jer.1-2 & 2Th.2
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Jer.3-4 & 2Th.3
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Jer.5-6 & 1Tim.1
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Jer.7-8 & 1Tim.2

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Clouse, Robert G. **Two Kingdoms: The Church and Culture through the Ages**. Moody Press, 1993.
- Cochran, Gregory. **Christians in the Crosshairs: Persecution in the Bible and Around the World Today**. WBC, 2016.
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- Grudem, Wayne. **Politics According to the Bible: Modern Political Issues in Light of Scripture**. Zondervan, 2010.
- Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. Baker Books, 1996.
- Lutzer, Erwin. **When a Nation Forgets God: Seven Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany**. Moody, 2010.
- Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.
- Mohler, Albert. **We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth to a Culture**. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2015.
- Nyquist, Paul. **Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture**. Moody Publishers, 2015.
- Phillips, Richard, et al. **Only One Way? Reaffirming the Exclusive Truth Claims of Christianity**. Crossway, 2007.
- Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.
- Ryken, Philip. **Is Jesus the Only Way?** Crossway Books, 2000.
- Welch, Edward. **Running Scared: Fear, Worry and the God of Rest**. New Growth Press, 2007.