

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 21:40-22:30

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22:1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, **Brother Saul**, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

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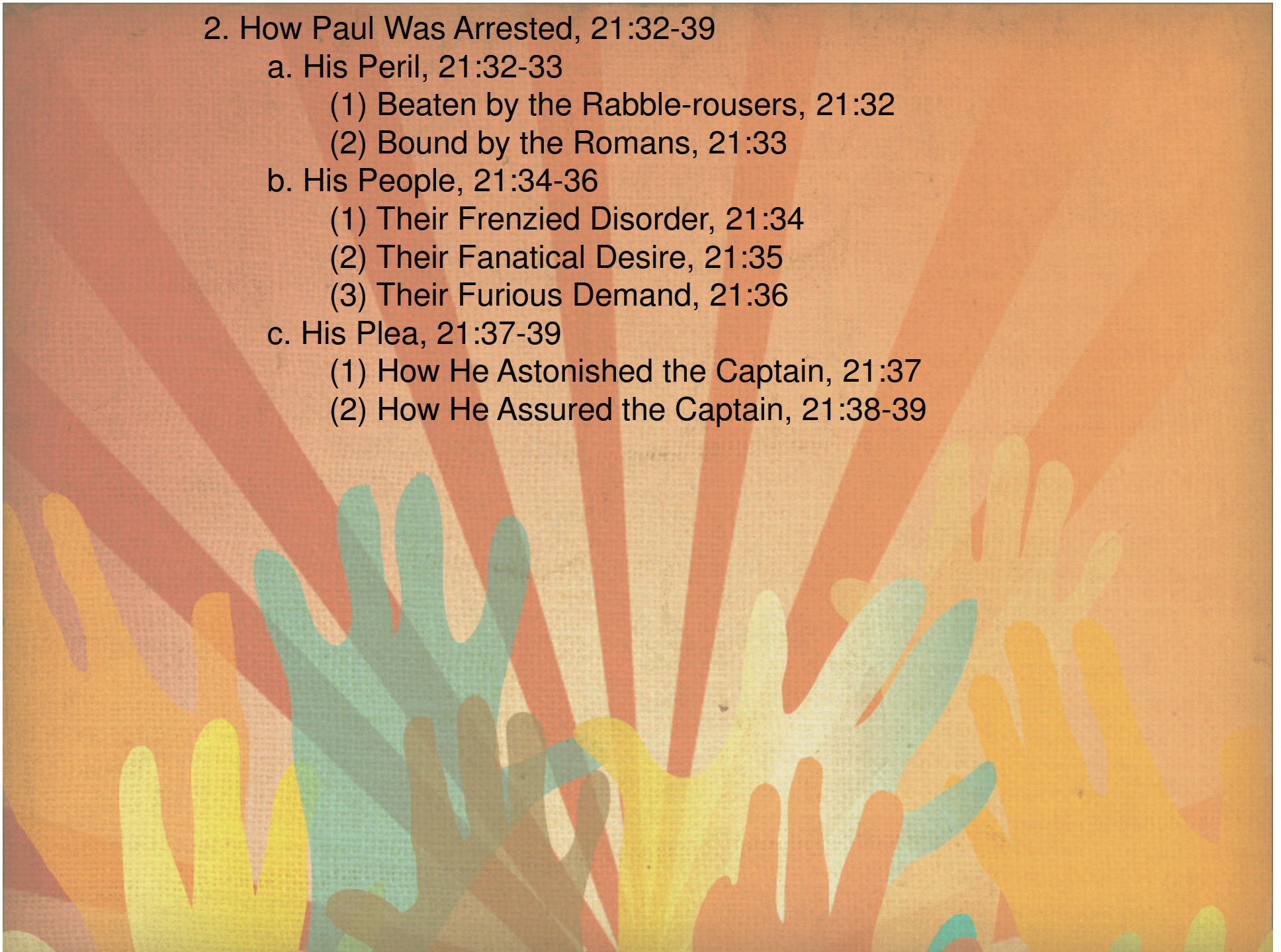
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Paul was warned not to go to Jerusalem, and now he is once again in the middle of a riot.

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1. Paul and His Countrymen, 21:40-22:23

a. He Had Their Instant Attention, 21:40-22:2

(1) With His Hand, 21:40

Acts 21:40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

(2) With His Humility, 22:1

Acts 22:1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.

Original Word: ἀπολογία

Transliteration: apologia

Usage: a verbal defense (particularly in a law court).

apología (from *apó*, "from" and *lógos*, "intelligent reasoning") – properly, a well-reasoned reply; a *thought-out response* to adequately address the issue(s) that is raised.

apología ("reasoned defense") is the term for making *a legal defense* in an ancient court.

Today *apología* ("biblical apologetics") is used for supplying *evidences for the Christian faith*.

[An "apology" in *classical* times had nothing to do with saying, "I'm sorry," but rather was a *reasoned argument (defense)* that presented *evidence (supplied compelling proof)*.]

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(3) With His Hebrew, 22:2

Acts 22:2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

b. He Had Their Interested Attention, 22:3-21

(1) How Judaism Once Controlled His Life, 22:3-5

(a) Born in a Jewish Family, 22:3a “I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia...”

Phil. 3:4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

(b) Bred in a Jewish Fold, 22:3b
“...yet brought up in this city at the feet of **Gamaliel**, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.”

Acts 5:34 Then stood there up one in the council, **a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law**, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

(c) Bold for the Jewish Faith,
22:4-5

Acts 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

(2) How Jesus Now Controlled His
Life, 22:6-21

(a) How He Confronted Paul,
22:6-9

i. The Light from Heaven,
22:6

Acts 22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

ii. The Lord from Heaven,
22:7-9

Acts 22:7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Acts 22:7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Acts 9:7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Acts 26:14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

(b) How He Commanded Paul,
22:10-16

i. The First Step He
Should Take, 22:10-11

Acts 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

ii. The Further Steps He Would Take, 22:12-15

- How Ananias Restored His Vision, 22:12-13

Acts 22:12 And one Ananias, **a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews** which dwelt *there*,
13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, **Brother Saul**, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

- How Ananias Revealed His Vocation, 22:14-15

Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

iii. The Final Step He Should Take, 22:16

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

1 Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Pet. 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (**not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,**) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

(c) How He Commissioned
Paul, 22:17-21

i. He Broke My Will for
Me, 22:17-20

- Paul's Intense Devotion, 22:17

Acts 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

- Paul's Intense Desire, 22:18-20
 - God's Imperative Purpose, 22:18

Acts 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, **Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.**

- Paul's Importunate Plea, 22:19-20

Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

ii. He Brought the World
Before Me, 22:21

Acts 22:21 And he said unto me, **Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.**

c. He Had Their Infuriated Attention, 22:22-23

(1) Expressed Verbally, 22:22

Acts 22:22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

(2) Expressed Violently, 22:23

Acts 22:23 And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air,

2. Paul and His Captors, 22:24-30

a. The Captain's Dilemma, 22:24-28

(1) He Did Not Know What Paul Said, 22:24

Acts 22:24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

(2) He Did Not Know Where Paul Stood, 22:25-28

(a) Paul's Word of Caution, 22:25-26

Acts 22:25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, **Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?**

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

(b) Paul's Word of Confirmation,
22:27-28

Acts 22:27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.

b. The Captain's Dread, 22:29

Acts 22:29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

c. The Captain's Decision, 22:30

Acts 22:30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Conclusion

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man** that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

2 Tim. 2:12 If we suffer, **we shall also reign with him**: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us: