

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 30 – The Ministry of the 12th Apostle – Paul (Part 17)

- I. Paul arrested at the Temple before completing his Nazirite vow.
- A. Made vow at Cenchrea towards end of 2nd journey (Acts 18:18-22)
 - B. About 5 years later (end of third missionary journey)
 - C. Paul arrested before the 7 days completed – hair still very long (Acts 21:26-27)
- II. Acts 22:1-21 Paul's defense before the Jewish Temple worshippers
- A. Appeals as one of them:
 - 1. "brothers and fathers" (vs. 1)
 - 2. Spoke in the Aramaic language (vs. 2)
 - 3. "*I am indeed a Jew*" (vs. 3) (of the southern kingdom)
 - 4. Schooled by the most respected rabbi – Gamaliel (vs. 3)
 - 5. A Pharisee, and zealous for the Law (vs. 3)
 - 6. "Zealous" to the point of persecuting and punishing Christians (vs. 5)
 - B. What made him different from them – his supernatural encounter with Jesus
 - 1. Proof that Jesus was alive (vs. 7-10)
 - 2. Jesus was fulfilling Psalm 110:1
 - a. Paul heard Steven testify to this: (Acts 7:51 – 8:1)
 - 3. Those with him saw the bright light (witnesses)
 - a. "*they did not hear the voice*" (vs. 9)
 - b. (Acts 9:7) "*hearing a voice, but seeing no one*"
 - c. (Acts 26:14) "*I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language*"
 - 4. Ananias – a devout man according to the Law (vs. 12)
 - 5. God had chosen Paul to "SEE" the 'Just One' (Steven used same term – Acts 7:52)
 - a. 2 Cor. 12:1 "*before the 14 years*" Paul saw visions of Christ (like John)
 - b. Gal. 2:1-10 "*14 years through*" Paul's Gentile mission affirmed by Apostles
 - c. Acts 13:1-4 Paul sent out to Gentiles through the holy Breath
 - 6. Paul's baptism (vs. 16)
 - a. "*wash away your sins*" 3 days after 'believing' and calling Jesus 'Lord' (Acts 9:9).
 - 1. "*Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved*" (Mark 16:16)
 - 2. "*filled with the holy Breath*" at baptism (Acts 9:17-18)
 - 7. Appearance of Jesus to Paul @ 2nd trip to Jerusalem (vs. 17-21)