

Week 4 Day 1 Acts 21:1-26

I. Key Verse:

Acts 21:19 And having greeted them, he related one by one the things which God did among the Gentiles through his ministry.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

God might have tolerated Paul's carrying out of a private ____ in 18:18, but He would not allow Paul, a _____ chosen by Him not only for the completing of His New Testament revelation (Col. 1:25) but also for the carrying out of His New Testament _____ (Eph. 3:2, 7-8), to participate in the _____ vow, a strict Judaic practice. Hence, in His sovereignty God allowed Paul to be _____ by the Jews and _____ by the Romans that he might write his last _____ Epistles, which completed the divine revelation. (*See Acts 21:26 note 1, paragraph 3*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 56-59.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 2 Acts 21:27-22:21

I. Key Verse:

Acts 22:7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
Acts 22:8 And I answered, Who are You, Lord? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you persecute.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And as I (Paul) journeyed and drew near to Damascus about midday, suddenly a great _____ flashed out of heaven around me; And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why are you _____ Me? And I answered, Who are You, _____? And He said to me, I am _____ the Nazarene, whom you persecute. And those who were with me beheld the _____, but did not hear the voice of the One who was speaking to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Rise up and go into _____, and there it will be _____ to you concerning all the things which have been appointed to you to do. (*Acts 22:6-10*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 60-61.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 3 Acts 22:22-23:15

I. Key Verse:

Acts 23:11 But in the night following, the Lord stood by him and said, Take courage, for as you have solemnly testified to the things concerning Me in Jerusalem, so also you must testify in Rome.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

To carry out His heavenly _____ for the _____ of Himself that the kingdom of God might be _____ for the _____ up of the churches as His fullness, the ascended Christ wanted to use not a group of _____ trained by man's teaching to do a preaching work, but a body of His _____, martyrs, who bore a living _____ of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ. (See Acts 23:11 note 4)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 62.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 4 Acts 23:16-24:27

I. Key Verse:

Acts 24:16 Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Since you (Felix) can realize that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in _____. And neither in the temple did they find me disputing with anyone nor stirring up a crowd, nor in the _____, nor throughout the city. Neither are they able to _____ to you the things which they now accuse me of. But I confess this to you, that according to the _____, which they call a sect, so I serve the God of our fathers, believing all the things that are written in the _____ and in the Prophets; Having _____ toward God, which these themselves also look for, that there is to be a _____ of both the righteous and the unrighteous. Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a _____ without offense toward God and men. (Acts 24:11-16)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 62-64.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 5 Acts 25:1-26:32

I. Key Verse:

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. Please illustrate how “to open their eyes” in Acts 26:18 was for the carrying out of the fulfillment of God's jubilee.
2. What is the inheritance allotted to the believers?
3. What is the heavenly vision?

Answer:

1. See Acts 26:18 note 1.
2. See Acts 26:18 note 6.
3. See Acts 26:19 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 65-69.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 6 Acts 27:1-44

I. Key Verse:

Acts 27:25 Therefore, cheer up, men, for I believe God that it shall be so, even in the way in which it has been spoken to me.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And when they had been a long time without food, Paul then stood in their midst and said, O men, you should have _____ to me and not set sail from Crete and gained this damage and loss. And now I advise you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I _____ stood by me, Saying, Do not _____, Paul; you must stand before _____. And behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you. Therefore, cheer up, men, for I believe God that it shall be ____, even in the way in which it has been spoken to me. But we must run aground on a certain island. (*Acts 27:21-26*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 70.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Acts 28:31 Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, unhindered.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The Lord kept the apostle in His ascendancy and enabled him to live a _____ far beyond the realm of _____. This life was fully _____, with the highest standard of human _____ expressing the most excellent divine _____, a life that _____ the one that the Lord Himself had lived on the earth years before. This was Jesus living _____ on the earth in His divinely _____ humanity! This was the wonderful, excellent, and mysterious _____, who lived in the Gospels, continuing to live in the Acts through one of His many _____! This was a living _____ of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and God-exalted Christ! (*See Acts 28:9 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 71-72.*

Note:

In Acts 26:16 the Lord Jesus said to Paul, "I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me, and the things in which I will appear to you." Notice that here the phrase "in which" is used twice. Here Paul is saying that the Lord had appointed him a minister and a witness of the things He revealed to Paul and of the things He would reveal to him. Although this is Paul's meaning, this is not the way he presented the matter. Rather, this verse speaks of the things in which Paul had seen the Lord and of the things in which the Lord would yet appear to him.

Acts 26:16 indicates that Paul did not receive the revelation of things without seeing Christ. Instead, he received the things in which he saw Christ. In other words, Christ did not reveal things to Paul without Himself as the content of those things. This is the reason that Paul would be a witness of the things in which he had seen the Lord. In all the visions Paul saw he saw Christ. Furthermore, he would be a witness of the things in which the Lord was yet to appear to him. Here the Lord seemed to be saying to Paul, "In all the visions and revelations you will receive, I shall appear to you." This indicates that if we only see visions and revelations and do not see the Lord, then what we see is vanity.

In principle, our experience today should be the same as that of Paul and John. Suppose that in your study of the New Testament you claim to have some understanding of Ephesians 5. However, the crucial question is this: Do you see Christ in Ephesians 5? If you see only the matter of husbands loving their wives and wives submitting to their husbands but do not see Christ, then your understanding of Ephesians 5 is very poor, even vain. You may know certain teachings in the Bible, but in those teachings you do not see Christ.... May we all learn the importance of seeing Christ in the things that we claim to see and know in the Word. (*Life-Study of Acts pp. 593-594, 596, 603-604*)