

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Book of the Acts.

LESSON CALENDAR: SECOND QUARTER

1. April 5..... Paul's Farewell to Ephesus. Acts 20: 28-38.
2. April 12..... The Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15: 20, 21; 50-58.
3. April 19..... The Law of Love. Rom. 13: 7-14.
4. April 26..... Paul's Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 3-12.
5. May 3..... Paul Arrested. Acts 21: 30-39.
6. May 10..... The Plot Against Paul. Acts 23: 12-22.
7. May 17..... Paul Before Felix. Acts 24: 10-16, 24-26.
8. May 24..... Paul Before Agrippa. Acts 26: 19-29.
9. May 31..... The Life-Giving Spirit. Rom. 8: 1-14.
10. June 7..... Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. Acts 27: 33-44.
11. June 14..... Paul at Rome. Acts 28: 16-24, 30, 31.
12. June 21..... Paul's Charge to Timothy. 2 Tim. 3: 14 to 4: 8.
13. June 28..... REVIEW.

LESSON V.

PAUL ARRESTED

May 3, 1903

Acts 21: 30-39. Study vs. 17-39. Commit to memory vs. 30-32. Read Acts 21: 40 to 22: 29.

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains: and demanded who he was, and what he had done, and some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art thou not thou that Egyptian, which before these days diddest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness about four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

Revised Version—1 laid hold on; 2 dragged; 3 straightway; 4 were seeking to kill him; 5 up to; 6 confusion; 7 upon; 8 inquired; 9 shouted; 10 crowd; 11 uproar; 12 brought; 13 crying out; 14 about to be brought; 15 say something; 16 dost thou know; 17 Art thou not then the; 18 stirred up to sedition; 19 led; 20 the; 21 of the Assassins; 22 give me leave.

GOLDEN TEXT

1 Pet. 4: 16. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.

DAILY READINGS

- M. — Acts 21: 27-39. Paul arrested.
 T. — Acts 21: 40 to 22: 9. Paul's defence.
 W. — Acts 22: 10-21. Defence continued.
 TH. — Acts 22: 22-30. "Away with him."
 F. — Luke 23: 12-23. Jesus reviled.
 S. — 1 Peter 3: 12-17. Happy in suffering.
 S. — Rev. 2: 1-10. Reward.

CATECHISM

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?
 A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

TIME AND PLACE

The spring of A.D. 58. According to Prof. Lewin, Paul arrived at Jerusalem Wednesday, May 17. The feast of Pentecost fell on the same day. The riot occurred a few days after this date. The place was within the courts of the temple.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A Riotous Mob, 30, 31.
- II. A Prompt Rescue, 32-36.
- III. A Reasonable Claim, 37-39.

Of Paul by the Roman soldiers.
 By Paul to be heard in his own defence.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 250; 40 (Ps. Sel.); 256; 263; 267; 149.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—In the last lesson we left Paul on his journey from Caesarea to Jerusalem, accompanied by his friends, vs. 15, 16. Arriving at Jerusalem, Paul told the disciples there of his success among the Gentiles. They were glad to hear of Gentile

conversions, and, while still adhering to the decision which they had made some time before (ch. 15: 22-29) about receiving Gentile converts into the church (v. 25), they advised Paul, while in Jerusalem, to observe the forms of Jewish worship, so as not to