

## Lesson V.

## PAUL ARRESTED

May 3, 1903

Acts 21 : 30-39. Study vs. 17-39—Memory Verses, 30-32.

**Golden Text**—If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4 : 16.



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

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

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

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 Jeru'salem 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.

34 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.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul reached Jerusalem he found it full of Passover visitors from every part of the world. Among them were some of the same Jews who had raised trouble against him long before in Ephesus.

One day these men, catching sight of Paul as he walked in the temple, immediately raised a great shout, saying, "Help! men of Israel, help! Here is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our nation and our laws and has disgraced the temple."

Soon Paul was surrounded by an angry mob, who dragged him from the building and down the temple steps, where they began beating and abusing Paul, intending there and then to kill him.

But Lysias, the captain of the Roman guard, whose house was near by, hearing the uproar, rushed his soldiers down the temple hill, and in a few minutes had reached the spot where

Paul was standing with the mob around him.

At the sight of the soldiers the crowd stood back, and turning towards Paul, the captain demanded, "Who is this man and what has he done?" When some answered one thing and some another, the captain ordered that Paul be arrested and taken to the barracks and given a proper trial.

But no sooner had the soldiers hurried Paul part way up the stairs than the mob made another rush at him, crying, "Kill him! kill him!" and would have torn him in pieces had it not been for the guards.

At the top of the stair, Paul turned to Lysias, the chief captain, saying in Greek, which was the language of the learned, "May I have a word with you?"

"What! do you know Greek?" cried Lysias in surprise. "I had really supposed you were that wicked and ignorant Egyptian who