

Acts 23

GWAC 3/11/24

Mission Unstoppable: Proclaiming Jesus to the World

Understanding the content:

1. Read Acts Chapter 21-23 (a long section but it's well worth being across the narrative).
2. How does Paul's treatment at the hands of the Jews and the Romans contrast? Why is this contrast significant?
3. What is Paul's source of hope through all of his sufferings?
4. The Sanhedrin are unable to successfully prosecute Paul. What is their next plan for silencing him?
5. How does Paul escape the Jews?
6. Luke is not recording all of this information as a biography of Paul's life. What clues are there in the text that the life and ministry of Paul is not the most important topic (hint: look for the information that is/isn't included).

Take away points:

1. God's mission is unstoppable:
 - a. God had plans for Paul (see Acts 9:15-16 and Acts 23:11). How can you see these plans being realised?
 - b. Is there anything that is stopping God from fulfilling his plans?
 - c. Read Revelation 7:9-17. This reveals God's plan for humanity and his church. Will anything get in the way of this plan?
 - d. How does this encourage us to trust in God?

2. We are encouraged to persevere in telling others about Jesus:
 - a. Read Acts 21:10-14.
 - b. How are the experiences of Jesus and Paul in front of the Sanhedrin similar? (Luke 22:66-23:5, John 18:22-24, Acts 23:1-5).
 - c. Why might Luke want to draw similarity between the experiences of Jesus and Paul?
 - d. Luke presents Paul as a role model to follow. How can this encourage us in our own evangelism?

Reflect:

1. Does it honestly seem to you like God's mission is unstoppable? Do you trust Him?
2. Are you participating in God's mission?
3. Are you persevering in telling others about Jesus?