

# A Tale of Two Cities: Part I

Acts 21:17–26:32

▶ **Before we begin**

1. What do you think of when you hear the words “an angry mob”?

By the time Paul farewelled the Ephesian elders at Miletus, he knew that he would be going to Jerusalem, and that suffering would await him there (20:22–23). Exactly how this will happen is explained in the (long) passage we are looking at today.

▶ **Trials and trials**

2. Since we are looking at such a long passage, it's best if you split up into pairs to do this. Look up each of the sections on the next page, and fill out the table.
3. What pattern do you see? Who was right? Who was not?
4. What do we learn about Paul? About the gospel? About Jesus?
5. How can the events in this passage encourage us in our evangelism?

|             | Why did Paul have to defend himself? What, if any, were the accusations made against him? | What was Paul's defence? | How did the audience respond? | Did you think Paul has done anything wrong? Why or why not? |
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| 21:17–22:29 |   |                          |                               |   |
| 22:30–23:35 |   |                          |                               |   |
| 24          |   |                          |                               |   |
| 25:1–22     |   |                          |                               |   |
| 25:23–26:32 |   |                          |                               |   |