

Acts 19 - 28
Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey & Journey to Rome

Tonight we wind down the book of Acts, considering some of the events that occurred as Paul continued to do the work of a missionary and faced serious imprisonment!

Intro: Eutychus falling asleep

19:11-20 Hanky Panky?

> There are 2 main points to this passage:

(1) Paul's handkerchiefs / aprons had healing power.

> The obvious question: Should we expect this?

* Some find basis here for using anointed prayer cloths.

A: V.11 – God worked UNUSUAL miracles by the hands of Paul.

> Food for thought: God can do whatever He wants to do ... that doesn't mean that we should expect Him to act in a certain way ... unless it's BIBLICAL!

(2) Misuse of the Name of Jesus

Q: How did the seven sons of Sceva misuse Jesus' name?

> They didn't KNOW Him!

> Point: The name of Jesus isn't a MAGIC WORD!

19:21-41 MOB MENTALITY

Q: Why did this riot start?

A: Individual PROFITS and CITY PRIDE

> The temple of Diana / Artemis in Ephesus was one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world

> Key Point: Paul's ministry IMPACTED SOCIETY

> Opposition to Christ is often IRRATIONAL (v.32)

> Why didn't the disciples "allow" Paul to speak to the rioting assembly?

What does this teach us?

21: 10-14

> Agabus' dramatic, prophetic warning to Paul raises some interesting questions.

Q: From the disciples perspective, what was the purpose of this warning?

Q: Was Paul ignoring a warning from God?

> If not, what does this say about God's will? (Specifically, PERSECUTION & DEATH)

Q: If not "KEEP AWAY," then what was the purpose of this warning? PREPARATION

