

THE DANGER OF THE MISINFORMED WITHIN A CHURCH – part II

Acts 21:22-26

Theme: The elders' counsel and Paul's Deference to his Jewish brethren

WBC, Sunday a.m., March 10, 2024, Pastor Dan Unruh

I. THE RECEPTION BY THE BRETHREN (15-20a)

II. THE MISINFORMATION BY THE JEWS (20b-21)

III. THE RECEPTION OF THE ELDERS (22-26)

A. Presented (22-25)

1. REGARDING SOME JEWISH BELIEVERS (22-24)

a. The Situation (22-23)

1) "THEY WILL HEAR" (22)

2) "WE HAVE FOUR MEN" (23)

b. The Situation (24) – "them take..."

1) THE QUESTION OF THE NAZIRITE VOW – Numbers 6

2) THE APPLICATION OF THE NAZIRITE VOW

Believers are called "saints," not because they are under a vow, but because they are in Christ!

2. REGARDING THE GENTILE BELIEVERS (25)

B. Inferred (26)

This is the last we hear of the Jerusalem Church

When church public meetings die out, so does the church.

This is the last we hear of James in Jerusalem

Jerusalem is the city where the Church was...

... **B** Presented ED (Acts 1- 2) –the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1)

1:4, "...should not depart **from Jerusalem**, but wait for the promise of the Father."

... **I** Inferred ED (Acts 2-6)

6:7, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in **Jerusalem** greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

... **P** Presented ED (Acts 8ff)

8:1, "at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was **at Jerusalem**; and they were all scattered abroad..." 9:1-2, "...threatenings and slaughter against the disciples" so that any of this way might be brought "bound **unto Jerusalem**."

... **M** Inferred ED (Acts 11-21)

11:22, "Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was **in Jerusalem**: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch." 16:4, "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were **at Jerusalem**."

... **SM** Inferred ED (Acts 21:17, 20) – the time of Pentecost (Acts 20:16)

21:17, 20, "And when we were come **to Jerusalem**....²¹how many thousands of Jews there are which believe, and they are all zealous of the law."