Last Week

- Paul and others received by the church in Jerusalem
  - Received gladly
  - Paul told in detail the work of God among the Gentiles through his ministry
    - They glorified the Lord
- False reports of Paul
  - That he teaches all the Jews among the Gentiles
    - To forsake Moses, saying
      - They ought not to circumcise their children
      - They ought not to walk according to the customs
- The proposal
  - Take the four men who have taken a vow, be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads
  - Will show the accusations against Paul to be false
- It has already been made clear to believing Gentiles that they should observe "no such thing", except…
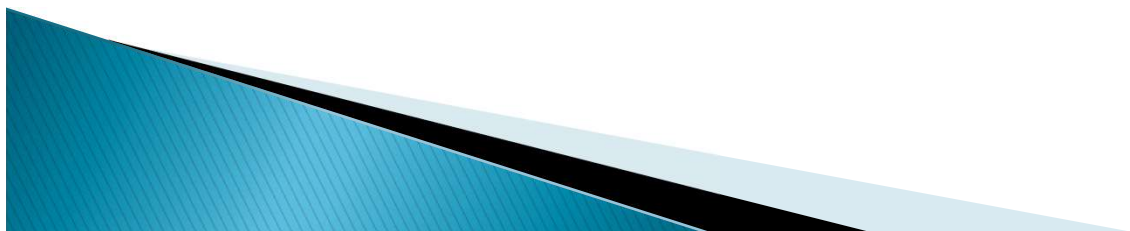 - Acts 15:29

The Jerusalem Mob

- Incited by lies about Paul, including a supposition
- Paul drug out from the temple, sought to kill him, beat him
- Commander of the garrison or cohort – Claudius Lysias (23:26)
  - Garrison – 1000 men + 120 horsemen
  - 1/6 of a legion
  - Ten centuries under him, each with their centurions

The fortress of Antonia – possibly the "barracks" of Acts 21:34

Paul addresses the Jerusalem mob

- The commander thought Paul was an Egyptian who raised up an insurrection in the past
- Paul identifies himself as being from Tarsus and asks to speak to the people
- Standing on the stairs of the barracks, he motions with his hand and speaks to the Jews in the Hebrew language
- Respectfully, "men, brethren, and fathers"

Who is this Paul?

- Jew
- Of Tarsus of Cilicia
- Taught by Gamaliel in Jerusalem according to the law of Moses
- Zealous toward God
  - "as you are today"
- Philippians 3:5-6
- The things Paul did in good conscience

A recount of the events of Paul learning the truth

- Acts 9, 26
- Why did the Lord appear to Paul?
  - Acts 26:16–18
- What has Paul been chosen for?
  - Acts 22:14
- The purpose of Ananias

Calling on the name of the Lord

▸ The instruction of Acts 22:16
▸ Acts 2:21, 38–39
▸ Romans 10:8–17
▸ 1 Peter 3:21