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Pivot with Jesus as Your Center!

New Life- Telling the Story #2

Temple Riot → Roman Rescue → Paul's Story & Citizenship → Sanhedrin → Foiled Plot

"This is the man (Paul) who **teaches** everyone everywhere **against our people** and **our law** and **this place**. And besides, he has **brought Gentiles** into the temple and **defiled** this holy place." **Acts 21:28**

The crowd listened to Paul **until he said Gentiles**. Then they raised their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He's not fit to live!" **Acts 22:22**

²⁴ The Roman commander ordered Paul be taken into the barracks to be **flogged and interrogated** to find out why the people were shouting at him like this. ²⁵ As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, "Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn't even been found guilty?" ²⁶ When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. "What are you going to do?" he asked. "This man is a Roman citizen."

²⁷ The commander went to Paul and asked, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" "Yes, I am," he answered. ²⁸ Then the commander said, "I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship." "But I was born a citizen," Paul replied. ²⁹ Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains. **Acts 22:24-29**

²⁰ But **our citizenship is in heaven**. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the **Lord Jesus Christ**... **Philippians 3:20**

Embrace the new identity & significance Jesus offers!

Trust Jesus crucified & risen has secure it completely!

⁶ Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of **the hope of the resurrection of the dead**." ⁷ When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.) ⁹ There was a great uproar...

¹⁰ The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks. ¹¹ The following night, the Lord stood near Paul and said, "**Take courage!** As you have **testified about me in Jerusalem**, so you **must also testify in Rome**." **Acts 23:6-11**

Follow Jesus into new ways to tell his/your story!

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"