ASSIGNMENT FOR CLASS #12 (April 25-26) Paul's Journey to Jerusalem, Arrest & Conversion Story -- Acts 21-22

Session #1: Paul Journeys to Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-16)

- In verse 4 we hear that the disciples tell Paul *not* to go on to Jerusalem "through the Spirit" and yet he continues onward. What do you make of this? Did the Holy Spirit really tell the people to instruct Paul not to go? Did Paul make a mistake? Please refer to 20:23 for a possible answer. See also 21:11. Paul is headed for trouble...
- Please note Paul's affection in 21:13

Session #2: Paul Visits James in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-26)

• James had heard rumors (as well as the other Jews) that Paul is teaching the Jews to forsake all mosaic law. He encourages Paul to take a Nazirite vow which will make an outward show that he still holds the law of Moses in some esteem. Paul seems to capitulate to this request even though it seems contrary to his preaching and his personality. What do you think is going on? I will try to explain the nuances of this.

Session #3: Paul is Arrested in the Temple (Acts 21:27-36)

• Some commentators even think that the Jewish *believers* betrayed Paul and set him up. Hmmm... betrayal in Jerusalem. Sound familiar?

Session #4: Paul's Defense (Acts 21:37-22:5)

• Paul tells how he was horribly mistaken about matters of religion at one time in his life. It takes much courage and humility to do this. Some people will not do the same because it is simply too difficult and we will have to face too much shame. Has this ever happened to you? Is the Lord calling you to face some terrible mistakes you have made in your life?

Session #5: Paul Tells Conversion Story (Acts 22:6-21)

Please read several conversion stories: 9:1-19 and 26:12-18.

Session #6: Paul & the Roman Tribune (Acts 22:22-29)