## SERIES: Acts Acts 21:17-22:29

## "A Misunderstood Missionary"

## **ONE BIG QUESTION:**onle we are trying to reach as more

Do we as a church consider the people we are trying to reach as more important than
o Are we so hopeful that God will work in the future that we are willing to be today
o Are we willing to say, "This is not about?"
o Are we willing to be misunderstood for the sake of reaching lost people?
A Misunderstood Missionary
Paul was misunderstood in his (21:1-16)
o His Christian friends tried to him from danger.
o Paul was relentless in his of Jesus, in spite of danger.
Paul was misunderstood in his (21:17-40)
o The elders in Jerusalem heard about Paul's work among the Gentiles and
o The elders then express concern about Paul's teachings to the Jews that were based on
Some thought Paul was teaching they should no longer follow the OT law.
<ul> <li>Paul had only taught that they were not required to keep the OT law.</li> </ul>
• God's grace gave the Gentiles freedom to from the law.
• God's grace gave the Jews freedom to the law.
o The elders ask Paul to publicly display his unity with the Jewish church by performing a vow.
• Question: Why would Paul go through with it?
• Paul loved the nation. (Romans 9:1)
• Paul loved the (1 Cor. 9:19-22)
<ul> <li>Paul desired within the church.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Paul desired between Jews and Gentiles.</li> </ul>
• Question: Did Paul compromise the gospel?
• Though some may question Paul's judgment, the motive of his heart was
Paul was trying to become all things to all men in order to save
• Paul acted out of by trying to avoid being offensive to his Jewish brothers.
o Paul is arrested after some Jews assume he brought a Gentile into the inner courts of the temple.
<ul> <li>Just like Jesus, Paul was falsely</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Just like Jesus, Paul was wrongfully</li> </ul>
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Paul was misunderstood in his (22:1-29)
o He told about his former (v. 1-5)
<ul> <li>When you share your testimony, tell about your past without glorifying your</li> </ul>
o He told about his miraculous (v. 6-16)
<ul> <li>When you share your testimony, make it more about than about</li> </ul>
o He told about his special (v. 17-21)
<ul> <li>When you share your testimony, elevate God's purpose of in the gospel.</li> </ul>
Even if we are misunderstood
o Let's be fervent to for the lost.
o Let's be faithful to to the lost.