**Acts: Spirit. Mission. Drama.**

**Title: Change of Plans**

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[Map of Paul’s Journey to Rome](https://bibletalk.tv/images/uploads/pauls-journey-to-rome.jpg)

**Acts 19:21**

*… Paul decidedto go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. “After I have been there,” he said, “I must visit Rome also.”*

**Planned Itinerary**

Jerusalem – deliver relief

Rome – encourage believers

Spain – build ministry

***Romans 15:28***

*I will go to Spain and visit you on the way.*

**Actual Itinerary**

Jerusalem – Mob riot

Caesarea Extended Prison Stay

Eventual, Adventurous Rome Arrival

***Acts 21:30-36***

*30The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut. 31While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar. 32He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.*

*33The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done. 34Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. 35When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers. 36The crowd that followed kept shouting, “Get rid of him!”*

Paul Transferred to Caesarea

***Acts 21:23-24***

*23Then the commander called two of his centurions and ordered them, “Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmento go to Caesarea at nine tonight. 24Provide horses for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix.”*

[Map of Paul’s Journey to Caesarea](https://www.ebibleteacher.com/sites/default/files/images/1/Paul%20to%20Caesarea%201024.jpg?1308102394)

[Caesarea Port](https://biblicalisraeltours.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Caesarea-7.jpeg)

* Felix
* Festus
* Agrippa

***Acts 26***

*15“Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’*

*“ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. 16‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. 17I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’*

*19“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. 21That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. 22But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— 23that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”*

*24At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”*

*25“I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”*

*28Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”*

*29Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”*

*30The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them. 31After they left the room, they began saying to one another, “This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.”*

*32Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”*

1. You cannot control your narrative, but you can control your mission.
2. There is an upper and lower story to our lives.
3. You must give up the idea of seamless ease if you follow Jesus.
4. You have multiple opportunities to shine for Jesus.