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## Acts

### Acts 1

#### Acts 1:1

**ULT**

<sup>1</sup> I made the first account, O Theophilus, about all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Dear Theophilus, In the first book that I wrote for you, I told about many of Jesus' actions and teachings.

#### To whom did Luke address this book?

Luke addressed this book to Theophilus.

#### Acts 1:2

**ULT**

<sup>2</sup> until that day when he was taken up, having given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen,

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> {I told you about those things} up to the moment when God took Jesus up to heaven. Before Jesus went to heaven, he gave instructions to his chosen apostles as the Holy Spirit guided him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> to whom also, after he had suffered, he presented himself living with many proofs, appearing to them for 40 days and speaking things concerning the kingdom of God.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> Even though the Romans executed Jesus on a cross, God made him alive again. Jesus then went to his apostles {and other disciples} and proved to them in many convincing ways that he truly was alive again. He met with them at different times over a period of 40 days. He talked with them about how God would rule the lives of people everywhere.

**What did Jesus do for forty days after his suffering?**

Jesus appeared alive to his apostles, saying things about the kingdom of God.

**Acts 1:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And meeting together with them, he commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, "which you heard from me,

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> One time while Jesus was with his disciples, he told them, "I want you to stay here in the city of Jerusalem and wait until God our Father sends his Spirit to you. As I told you, he promised that he would do that.

**For what did Jesus command his apostles to wait?**

Jesus told his apostles to wait for the promise of the Father.

**Acts 1:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> that John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit after these not many days."

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> John baptized people in water, but within a few days God is going to baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

**With what would the apostles be baptized in a few days?**

The apostles would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 1:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> They therefore having assembled, they were asking him, saying, "Lord, if you are restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> One day when the apostles were meeting together with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, will you now become our king so that we Israelite people will have our own king once again?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> But he said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> He replied to them, "You do not need to know when that will happen. God my Father alone has decided {when he will make me king}."

**When the apostles wanted to know the timing of the restoration of the kingdom, how did Jesus answer them?**

Jesus told them that it was not for them to know the time.

**Acts 1:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, he will enable you to tell people about me powerfully. You will do this here in the city of Jerusalem. You will do it in the nearby regions of Judea and Samaria. But you will also do it all over the world.

**What did Jesus tell the apostles they would receive from the Holy Spirit?**

Jesus said the apostles would receive power.

**Where did Jesus say the apostles would be his witnesses?**

Jesus said the apostles would be witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Acts 1:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And having said these things, as they were looking, he was raised up, and a cloud hid him from their eyes.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> After he said that, he started to rise up {into heaven} while they watched. But then a cloud blocked their view so that they could no longer see him.

**How did Jesus depart from his apostles?**

Jesus was raised up and a cloud hid him from their eyes.

**Acts 1:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And while they were looking intently into heaven as he was going up, and behold, two men stood by them in white clothes.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> While the apostles were still staring toward the sky as Jesus was going up, suddenly two angels in human form stood beside them. Their clothes shone brightly.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And they said, "Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, thus will come, in which manner you saw him going into heaven."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> One of the angels said, "You men who come from Galilee, you do not need to look up at the sky any longer! Some day this same Jesus, whom God took from you up into heaven, will come back {to earth}. He will return in the same way that you just now saw him go up to heaven."

**How did the angels say that Jesus would return again to the earth?**

The angels said that Jesus would return in the same way he went into heaven.

**Acts 1:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, having a journey of a Sabbath.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Then {after the two angels left}, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is a short distance from Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And when they arrived, they went up into the upper chamber where they were staying, both Peter and John, and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas of James.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> After they entered the city, they went into the upstairs room {in the house} where they were staying. Those who were there included Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew. They also included another man named James, who was the son of Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas, who was the son of yet another man named James.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> They all were continuing unanimously in prayer, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> All of the apostles prayed together regularly and frequently. Others who prayed with them included the women who had traveled with Jesus; Mary, who was Jesus' mother; and his younger brothers.

**What were the apostles, the women, Mary, and Jesus' brothers doing in the upper chamber?**

They were diligently praying.



**Acts 1:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And in those days Peter, having stood up in the midst of the brothers, said (and the multitude of names to the same was about 120),

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Now about 120 people were meeting together at that place. At one of the meetings, Peter stood up among his fellow believers {because he was going to say something important}. He said,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> "Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to the ones who arrested Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> "You who believe as I do, there are words that King David wrote in the Scriptures long ago that had to happen as he said they would. The Holy Spirit, who knew that Judas would show Jesus' enemies where to find him and arrest him, inspired David to write those words.

**What had been fulfilled in the life of Judas, who betrayed Jesus?**

The scripture had been fulfilled by Judas.

**Acts 1:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> For he was numbered with us and received a share of this ministry."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> But Jesus had chosen Judas, along with the rest of us, to serve as an apostle. {So we need to find someone else to take his place.}"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> (Now indeed this one bought a field from the wage of unrighteousness, and having fallen headfirst, he burst open in the middle, and all his entrails were poured out.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Judas died. The Jewish leaders gave Judas money for betraying Jesus. He used that money to buy a field{and he went to that field to kill himself because he felt so badly about what he had done to Jesus}. He fell down onto that field from a high place and landed with such force that his abdomen burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

**What happened to Judas after he received the money for betraying Jesus?**

Judas bought a field, fell head first, his body burst wide open, and all his bowels poured out.

**Acts 1:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And it became known to all those living in Jerusalem. Therefore that field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> The news about this spread widely among the people of Jerusalem. When they heard about it, they gave that field a new name. In their Aramaic language it was Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood." {They gave it that name because it was where someone had died.}

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation be made desolate, and let not one dwelling be in it,' and 'Let another take his overseership.'

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Peter also said, "What happened to Judas is like what we read in the book of Psalms: 'May his home become empty, with no one living in it.' These other words in the Psalms also refer to him: 'Let someone else take over his work as a leader.'"

**In the book of Psalms, what did it say should happen with Judas' position of leadership?**

The Psalms said that Judas' position of leadership should be fulfilled by someone else.

**Acts 1:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary, of the men who accompanied us during all the time in which the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us,

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> "So we need to identify all the men who were with us during the whole time when the Lord Jesus was with us.

**What were the requirements for the man who would take Judas' position of leadership? (vv21-22)**

The man taking the position must have accompanied the apostles from the time of the baptism of John, and must have witnessed the resurrection of Jesus.

**Acts 1:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us—one of these {is} to become a witness with us of his resurrection."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> {They need to have been with us} from the time when John the Baptizer began his work until the day when Jesus left us and rose up to heaven. One such man must {replace Judas and} join us in telling people about Jesus and how God caused him to live again after he died."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And they stood up two, Joseph, the one called Barsabbas, who was named Justus, and Matthias.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So the apostles and other believers suggested two men who could replace Judas. One man was Joseph the son of Sabbas, who also had the name Justus. The other man was Matthias.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And praying, they said, "You, Lord, heart-knower of all, show which one from these two you have chosen

**UST**

<sup>24-25</sup> Then they prayed: "Lord Jesus, Judas stopped being an apostle. He sinned and went to the place where he deserves to be. You know what every man thinks in his own heart, so please show us which of these two men you have chosen to take the place of Judas."

**How did the apostles determine which of the two candidates should take Judas' position? (vv24-26)**

The apostles prayed that God reveal His choice, and then they cast lots.

**Acts 1:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> to take this place of ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

**UST**

<sup>24-25</sup> Then they prayed: "Lord Jesus, Judas stopped being an apostle. He sinned and went to the place where he deserves to be. You know what every man thinks in his own heart, so please show us which of these two men you have chosen to take the place of Judas."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 1:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was chosen together with the 11 apostles.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots to choose between the two of them. The lot indicated that Matthias was the one to replace Judas. So he became an apostle along with the other 11 apostles.

**Who was then numbered with the eleven apostles?**

Matthias was then numbered with the eleven apostles.

## Acts 2

### Acts 2:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was completely filled, they were all together to the same.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> On the day when the Jews were celebrating the Pentecost festival, the believers were all together in one place {in the city of Jerusalem}.

### On what Jewish festival day were all the disciples together?

The disciples were together on the day of Pentecost.

### Acts 2:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly a sound came from heaven, as of a strong wind being borne along, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly, they heard a noise coming from the sky that sounded like a wind blowing loudly. Everyone in the entire house where they were sitting heard the noise.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 2:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And tongues as if of fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and they sat upon each one of them.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> Then they saw what looked like burning flames. These flames separated from one another and came to rest on each of the believers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them to speak out.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Then all of the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had never learned. The Spirit was making it possible for them to do that fluently.

**When the Holy Spirit came into the house, what did the disciples begin to do?**

The disciples began to speak with other languages.

**Acts 2:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, godly men, from every nation of those under heaven.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> At that time many Jews were staying in Jerusalem {to celebrate the Pentecost festival}. They were Jewish people who sincerely worshiped God. They had come from many different countries around the world.

**At this time in Jerusalem, there were godly Jews from where?**

There were godly Jews from every nation under heaven.

**Acts 2:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And when this sound happened, the multitude came together and was confused, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> When they heard this loud noise, a large crowd {of these Jews} gathered {at the place where the believers were}. The people in the crowd were amazed because they were each hearing the believers speak in their own languages.

**Why was the multitude confused when they heard the disciples speaking?**

The multitude was confused because everyone heard them speaking in his own language.

**Acts 2:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And they were all amazed and were marveling, saying, "Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> They were all completely amazed and they said to each other, "Listen, all these people who are speaking have come from Galilee. {So they cannot possibly know our languages!}"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And how are we hearing, each in our own language in which we were born?"

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> But all of us hear them speaking our own native languages!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those inhabiting Mesopotamia, Judea and also Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Some of us are people from the regions of Parthia and Media and Elam. Others of us are from the regions of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and also Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya that {are} near Cyrene, and Romans visiting,

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> There are some people here from the regions of Phrygia and Pamphylia, from the country of Egypt, and from the regions in Libya that are near the city of Cyrene. There are others of us who are here visiting Jerusalem from Rome.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we are hearing them speaking in our tongues the great things of God."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> They include native Jews as well as non-Jews who have chosen to believe and practice what Jews believe. And others of us are from the island of Crete and from the region of Arabia. And yet we can hear these people speaking in all our different languages about the mighty works that God has done!"

**About what were the disciples speaking?**

The disciples were telling about the mighty works of God.

**Acts 2:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and were perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this want to be?"

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The people wondered {about what was happening} and did not know what to think {about it}. So they asked one another, "What is happening here?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But others, mocking, were saying, "They are filled with sweet wine."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> But some of them made fun of what they saw. They said, "{These people are talking like this because} they have drunk too much wine!"

**What did some think who were mocking the disciples?**

Some mocked and thought they were full of new wine.



**Acts 2:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, having stood with the eleven, raised up his voice and spoke out to them, “Men, Jews, and all who are inhabiting Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and take my words into your ears.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> In response, Peter stood up with all the other apostles and spoke loudly to the crowd of people. He said, “You Jewish people and all of you others who live here in Jerusalem, listen to me and I will explain to you what is happening!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk as you are assuming, for it is the third hour of the day.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Some of you think that we are drunk, but we are not drunk. It is only nine o'clock in the morning{, and people here never get drunk at this time of the day}!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Instead, what has happened to us is the {miraculous} thing that the prophet Joel wrote about {long ago}. He wrote:

**What did Peter say was being fulfilled at this time? (vv16-17)**

Peter said the prophecy of Joel was being fulfilled that said God would pour out his Spirit upon all flesh.

**Acts 2:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> “And it will be in the last days,” God says, “I will pour out from my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> ‘During the last days,’ God says, ‘I will give my Holy Spirit to all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will tell people my messages. I will give visions to the young men, and I will give inspired dreams to the old men.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And even on my male servants and on my female servants in those days I will pour out from my Spirit, and they will prophesy.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> During those days I will give my Holy Spirit to my servants, both men and women, so they can tell people my messages.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And I will give wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> I will cause things to happen in the sky that will make people marvel. I will cause things to happen on the earth that will show that great events are going to take place. Here on the earth there will be blood, fire, and smoke everywhere.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood before the great and remarkable day of the Lord comes.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> In the sky the sun will appear dark to people and the moon will appear red to them. Those things will happen before the momentous time when I, the Lord God, come to judge everyone.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And it will be, everyone who may call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> But even though I am coming to judge and punish sin, I will save all those who repent and ask me to forgive their sins.”

**In Joel’s prophecy, who are the ones that are saved?**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord are the ones that are saved.

**Acts 2:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene {was} a man attested to you by God with mighty deeds and wonders and signs that God did through him in the midst of you, as you yourselves know.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> {Peter continued speaking. He said,} “You Israelites, listen to me! When Jesus from Nazareth lived among you, God proved to you that he had sent him by enabling him to do many amazing miracles. These showed that he was from God. You yourselves know that this is true.

**How was Jesus’ ministry authenticated by God?**

Jesus’ ministry was authenticated by the mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him.

**Acts 2:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> This one, given up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you killed by the hand of the lawless, having fastened,

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Even though you knew that, you urged people who do not obey God's law to take action to kill Jesus. They did that by nailing him to a cross. However, God had already planned for that to happen, and he knew what the results would be, so he allowed it.

**Whose plan was it that Jesus be crucified?**

Jesus was crucified by God's determined plan.

**Acts 2:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the agonies of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus died, but God caused him to become alive again and no longer dead, because it was not possible for him to stay dead.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> For David says about him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right so that I should not be moved.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Long ago King David wrote what the Messiah said, 'I knew that you, Lord God, would always be there to protect me. You are right beside me, so I will not be afraid of those who want to harm me.

**In the Old Testament, what did King David prophecy about God's Holy One?**

King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

**Acts 2:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Because of this, my heart was glad and my tongue exulted. And indeed, my flesh will also dwell in hope.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Because of that, I am happy and I joyfully praise you, O God. And I am completely confident {that you will cause me to become alive again after I die}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you allow your Holy One to see decay.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> I am confident because I know that you will not make me remain in the place where the dead are. You will not even let my body waste away, because you have chosen me for a special purpose.

**In the Old Testament, what did King David prophecy about God's Holy One?**

King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

**Acts 2:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> You made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with gladness with your face.'

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> You have shown me how to live again. You will make me very happy because you will be with me {forever}.'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Men, brothers, it is possible to speak with confidence to you about the patriarch David, both that he died and {that} he was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> {Peter continued,} “You who are Jews like me, I can tell you confidently that our ancient ruler, King David, died and that his subjects buried him. In fact, his body is still here now at the place where they buried him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet and having known that God had sworn to him with an oath to set from the fruit of his loins upon his throne,

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> So we know that King David was not talking about himself in this psalm. Instead, he was a prophet, and he knew that God promised to him that one of his descendants would become king after him.

**What promise had God made to King David about his descendants?**

God had promised King David that one of his descendants would sit upon the throne.

**Acts 2:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> having foreseen this, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see decay.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> A long time ago, David knew what God would do. He said that God would cause Jesus the Messiah to live again after he died. God would not allow him to remain in a grave. God would not even let him be dead long enough for his body to begin to decompose.

**In the Old Testament, what did King David prophecy about God’s Holy One?**

King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

**Acts 2:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus, God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> After this man Jesus had died, God made him alive again. All of us who are standing here before you can testify to this. {We all saw him alive after he had died.}

**Who was God's Holy One who did not see decay and would sit upon the throne?**

Jesus was the prophesied Holy One and King.

**Acts 2:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, having been exalted to the right of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you both see and hear.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> So we are not babbling drunkenly. Instead, this is what has happened. God has greatly honored Jesus by giving him a position next to him in heaven. Jesus has received the Holy Spirit from God his Father, just as God promised. And now Jesus has generously given us the Holy Spirit, and God has confirmed that gift by doing this miracle that you are witnessing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> We know that David was not speaking about himself, because David did not go up into heaven {as Jesus did}. Besides that, David himself said this about the Messiah: 'The Lord God said to my Lord the Messiah, "I will honor you by giving you a position next to me

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a stool for your feet.”

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> while I completely defeat your enemies.””

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> Therefore, let all the house of Israel know certainly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> {Peter ended by saying,} “So I want every Israelite to know definitely that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, this same Jesus whom you had nailed to a cross and killed.”

**Peter preached that God had now given Jesus what two titles?**

God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

**Acts 2:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And hearing this they were pierced in the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men, brothers, what should we do?”

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard what Peter said, they knew they had done wrong. The people asked him and the other apostles, “Can you men tell us what God wants us to do?”

**When the multitude heard Peter’s preaching, what was their response?**

The multitude asked what they should do.



**Acts 2:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> Peter answered them, "Each of you should turn away from your sinful behavior. If you now believe in what Jesus, the Messiah, has done for you, we will baptize you, showing that God has forgiven your sins, and he will give you his Holy Spirit.

**What did Peter tell the multitude to do?**

Peter told the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

**Acts 2:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are at a distance, as many as the Lord our God may call."

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> You will receive the Holy Spirit because God has promised to give him to you and to your children and to all others whom the God we worship leads to have faith in Jesus. That includes all those who live far away from here."

**For whom did Peter say was God's promise?**

Peter said God's promise was for the multitude, their children, and all who were far off.

**Acts 2:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and urged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> Peter said many more things and spoke strongly to them. He told them, "Ask God to save you so that he will not punish you when he punishes these evil people {who have rejected Jesus}!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> Therefore, having received his word, they were baptized, and about 3,000 souls were added in that day.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> So the people who believed Peter's message received baptism. There were about 3,000 of them who joined the group of believers that day.

**How many people were baptized that day?**

About three thousand people were baptized.

**Acts 2:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And they were continuing in the teaching of the apostles and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> They continually obeyed what the apostles taught. They met many times together with the other believers, and they ate a meal and prayed together every day.

**In what did the baptized people continue?**

They continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

**Acts 2:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> And fear was coming on every soul, and many wonders and signs were happening through the apostles.

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> Throughout Jerusalem people came to have a great awe for God, because the apostles were doing many kinds of miraculous deeds.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:44****ULT**

<sup>44</sup> And all those believing were to the same and had all things in common,

**UST**

<sup>44</sup> All of those who believed in Jesus met regularly together. They also kept sharing what they had with one another.

**What did those who believed do to help those in need? (vv44-45)**

They sold their property and possessions and distributed them to all, as anyone had need.

**Acts 2:45****ULT**

<sup>45</sup> and they were selling {their} properties and {their} possessions and they were distributing them to all, as anyone might have need

**UST**

<sup>45</sup> From time to time some of them sold some of their land and some of the other things that they owned. They did this so that they could give some of the money they made to other believers. They gave those believers as much as they needed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 2:46****ULT**

<sup>46</sup> and, continuing unanimously every day in the temple and breaking bread in each house, they were sharing food with exultation and sincerity of heart,

**UST**

<sup>46</sup> Every day they kept gathering to worship together in the temple courtyard, and then they would have meals together in their homes. They ate together happily and with genuine affection.

**Where were the believers meeting at this time?**

The believers met in the Temple.

## Acts 2:47

### ULT

<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with the whole people, and each day the Lord was adding those who were being saved to the same.

### UST

<sup>47</sup> As they did so, they kept praising God, and the other people who lived in Jerusalem greatly respected them. {As those things were happening,} every day the Lord Jesus saved more people and those people joined with the other believers.

### Who was adding day by day to the group of believers?

The Lord added day by day those that were being saved.

## Acts 3

### Acts 3:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going to the temple to pray. It was three o'clock in the afternoon, the time when people prayed there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 3:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And a certain man, being lame from the womb of his mother, was being carried, whom each day they placed at the gate of the temple that is called Beautiful to ask for alms from those going into the temple,

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> There was a man there who had not been able to walk from the time he was born. He was sitting by the Beautiful Gate at the entrance to the temple area. People carried him there every day so that he could ask those who were going into the temple area to give him some money.

### Who did Peter and John see on their way into the Temple?

Peter and John saw a man lame from birth who begged at the Temple door.

### Acts 3:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> who, seeing Peter and John being about to enter into the temple, asked to receive alms.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> As Peter and John were approaching that gate, he saw them and asked them to give him some money.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But Peter, looking intently at him with John, said, "Look at us."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> When they heard the man speak to them, Peter and John looked directly at him, and Peter said to him, "Look at us!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> So he paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> So he looked directly at them, expecting to get some money from them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said to him, "I do not have any money, but I will do what I can do for you. I heal you by the power of Jesus the Messiah, that man who came from the city of Nazareth. So get up and walk!"

**What did Peter not give to the man?**

Peter did not give to the man silver and gold.

**Acts 3:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Then Peter grasped the man's right hand and helped him to stand up. The man realized immediately that his feet and ankles were going to be strong enough to support him.

**What did Peter do for the man?**

Peter gave the man the ability to walk.

**Acts 3:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> So the man jumped {the rest of the way} up {by himself} and started walking! He went into the temple area with Peter and John, leaping for joy and praising God as he walked!

**How did the man react to what Peter gave him?**

The man entered the Temple walking, leaping, and praising God.

**Acts 3:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> All the people who were there saw him walking and heard him praising God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And they recognized him, that he was the one sitting for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> They recognized that he was the man who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate that led into the temple area and ask people for money! So all the people there were greatly amazed that he could now walk.

**How did the people react who saw the man in the Temple?**

The people were filled with wonder and amazement.

**Acts 3:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And as he was holding Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon's, marveling.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> The man would not let go of Peter and John. The three of them were in Solomon's Porch{, a covered walkway within the temple area}. As the amazing news of the man's healing spread through the crowd, more and more people came running over to see them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But Peter, seeing this, replied to the people, "Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this? Or why do you look intently at us, as if we have made him to walk by our own power or godliness?"

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw that a crowd was gathering around them, he said to the people, "You Israelites, it should not surprise you that this man can now walk. But you should not be looking at us as if we were so godly that we made him walk by our own power!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 3:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Servant Jesus, whom you indeed delivered up and rejected before the face of Pilate, when that one had decided to release him.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> {Let me tell you what has really happened.} God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We Israelites are descendants of those men, so the covenant includes us. God honored that covenant by sending Jesus to be the Messiah. {We told this man that the power of Jesus could heal him, and} God has now glorified Jesus by doing this miracle. But when Jesus was living among us, you turned him over to the Romans for trial. Pilate, the Roman governor, {knew that Jesus was innocent and} wanted to set him free. But you gathered in front of Pilate and shouted that he should not release him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a man, a murderer, to be granted to you,

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Rather than have Pilate release Jesus to you, even though Jesus was the Messiah, you rejected him and asked Pilate to set free a killer instead!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> and you killed the Originator of Life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> So you are responsible for the death of Jesus, the one who gives people life. But God brought him back to life after he died. We can testify that we saw Jesus many times after he became alive again.

**What did Peter remind the people they had done with Jesus?**

Peter reminded the people that they had killed Jesus.

**Acts 3:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, this one whom you see and know, his name has made strong. And the faith that {is} through him has given to him this complete health in the presence of all of you.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> You recognize this man whom you see standing here. {He is the man who used to beg for alms at the Beautiful Gate.} He is now strong enough to stand on his own because he believed in what Jesus could do. Yes, it is because he trusted in Jesus that he is now completely healthy. All of you saw this happen.

**What did Peter say had made the man well?**

Peter said that faith in Jesus' name had made the man well.

**Acts 3:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as also your rulers.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> "Now, my countrymen, I know that you and your leaders killed Jesus because you did not know that he was the Messiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he has fulfilled thus.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> God said through the prophets ahead of time that the Messiah he would send would suffer and die. And now, by what has happened, he has fulfilled what the prophets said.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Repent, therefore, and turn back for your sins to be wiped away,

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> So stop living sinful lives and ask God to help you do what pleases him. Then God will completely forgive you for sinning against him.

**What did Peter tell the people to do?**

Peter told the people to repent.

**Acts 3:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> so that times of refreshment may come from the face of the Lord and he may send the one appointed for you, Christ Jesus,

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> If you do that, there will be times when you will know that the Lord God is helping you. And some day he will send back to earth the Messiah whom he has given to you. That person is Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> whom it is necessary for heaven to receive until the times of the restoration of all things, about which God spoke from the age through the mouth of his holy prophets.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus will certainly stay in heaven until the time when God causes all that he created to become new. Long ago God promised to do that, and he chose holy prophets to tell that to people.

**Peter said that the heavens would receive Jesus until what time?**

Peter said that until the time of restoration of all things, Jesus would be received in the heavens.

**Acts 3:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Moses indeed said, ‘The Lord our God <sup>[1]</sup> will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You will listen to him according to everything—whatever he may speak to you.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> For example, {the prophet} Moses said this {about the Messiah}: ‘The Lord our God will make one of you Israelites a prophet like me. You must do everything he tells you to do.

**What did Moses say about Jesus?**

Moses said that the Lord God would raise up a prophet like himself to whom the people would listen.

**Acts 3:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But it will be that every soul that does not listen to that prophet will be destroyed from the people.’

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Those who do not do what that prophet tells them will no longer belong to God’s people. God will destroy them.’”

**What will happen to every person who does not listen to Jesus?**

The person who does not listen to Jesus will be completely destroyed.

**Acts 3:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And indeed, all the prophets from Samuel and those after him, as many as have spoken, have also announced these days.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> {Peter continued,} “In fact, all the prophets have told about what would happen during the times we are now living in. Those prophets include Samuel and the ones who lived after him, who all spoke about these events before they happened.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 3:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.'

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> What the prophets said long ago applies to you today. And the solemn agreement that God made to bless our ancestors also extends to you, their descendants. He said to Abraham {about the Messiah}, 'I will bless all the people groups on the earth as a result of what your descendant will do.'"

**Of what Old Testament covenant promise did Peter remind the people?**

Peter reminded the people that they were sons of the covenant God made with Abraham when God said, "In your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed".

**Acts 3:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to you first, blessing you by turning each of you from your wickedness."

3:22 <sup>[1]</sup> while other ancient manuscripts read and still others read

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> So when God sent Jesus to the earth as the Messiah, he had him come to you Israelites first. God intended for the Messiah to bless you by getting you to stop doing things that were wrong."

**How was God desiring to bless the Jews?**

God desired to bless the Jews by sending Jesus to them first to turn them from their wickedness.

**Acts 4****Acts 4:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came up to them,

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> While Peter and John were still speaking to the people, several men walked up and confronted them. They included priests who served in the temple, the officer in charge of the temple guard, and some members of the Sadducee group.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> greatly troubled because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection that {is} from the dead.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> These men were very angry because the two apostles were teaching the people. They were telling the people that what God did for Jesus shows that God causes people to live again after they die.

**What were Peter and John teaching the people in the Temple?**

Peter and John were teaching about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

**Acts 4:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> And they laid hands on them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> So these men arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. They did this because it was already evening and the Jewish council would have to wait until the next day to question them.

**How did the rulers of the Temple, the priests, and the Sadducees react to Peter and John's teaching?**

They arrested Peter and John and put them in jail.

**Acts 4:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men became about 5,000.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> However, many people who had heard Peter speak put their faith in Jesus. The number of men who believed in Jesus increased to about five thousand.

**How did the people react to Peter and John's teaching?**

Many people believed, about five thousand.

**Acts 4:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And it happened that on the next day their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem,

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> The next day the high priest called the other chief priests, the teachers of the Jewish laws, and the other members of the Jewish council. They all assembled in one place in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were from the high priestly family.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Annas, the former high priest, was there. Caiaphas, the new high priest, was also there. And so were John and Alexander and other men who were related to the high priest.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And having set them in {their} midst, they asked them, "By what power or in what name have you done this?"

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> They commanded guards to bring Peter and John into the room, and then they asked Peter and John, "Who gave you the right or the ability to do this?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> As the Holy Spirit gave him power, Peter said to them in response, "You fellow Israelites who rule us and all of you elders, listen to me!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> if we are being questioned today concerning a good deed to a sick man, by what means he was made well,

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Today you are questioning us about a good deed we did for a man who could not walk. You want to know how he became able to walk.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 4:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this one this {man} stands before you healthy.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> So we want this whole council and all the other Israelites to know what has happened. This man is able to stand before you because Jesus from Nazareth, the Messiah, healed him. You were responsible for the Romans executing Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God brought Jesus back to life after they executed him.

**By what power or in what name did Peter say he had healed the man in the Temple?**

Peter said that in the name of Jesus Christ he had healed the man in the Temple.

**Acts 4:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> He is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Jesus the Messiah of Nazareth is the one of whom the Scriptures say, 'The stone that the builders threw away has become the most important stone in the building.' And you are those builders{, because you rejected Jesus}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> {So you should no longer reject him, because} only Jesus can save us. For God has given us no other person in the world who can save us {from the guilt of our sins}!"

**What did Peter say was the only way by which we may be saved?**

Peter said that there is no other name except Jesus by which we may be saved.

**Acts 4:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And seeing the boldness of Peter and John, and realizing that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they marveled, and they recognized them, that they had been with Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> The Jewish leaders recognized that Peter and John were not afraid of them. They also realized that these two men were ordinary people who had not studied in schools. So the leaders were amazed. They knew that these men had spent time with Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> They also saw the man who had become able to walk again standing there with Peter and John. So they were not able to say anything to contradict them.

**Why could the Jewish leaders say nothing against Peter and John?**

The leaders could say nothing because the man who had been healed was standing with Peter and John.

**Acts 4:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But having commanded them to go outside the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves,

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> The Jewish leaders told guards to take Peter, John, and this man outside of the room where they were meeting. After they did so, the leaders talked with each other {about Peter and John}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> saying, "What should we do to these men? For it is evident to everyone living in Jerusalem that a notable sign has happened through them, and we are not able to deny it.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> They said, "There is nothing that we can do to punish these two men! The news of the amazing miracle that they have done has spread widely in Jerusalem. So we cannot tell people that it did not happen!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> But so that it may not be spread unto more among the people, let us warn them no longer to speak in this name to any of men."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> However, we must not allow any more people to hear what they have been teaching about this Jesus. So we must tell these men that we will punish them if they continue to tell other people about the one who they say gave them the power to heal this man."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And summoning them, they commanded them neither to speak nor to teach at all in the name of Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> So the Jewish leaders told the guards to bring the two apostles into the room again. After the guards had done so, they told them both that they were completely forbidden to speak or teach about Jesus.

**What did the Jewish leaders command Peter and John not to do?**

The Jewish leaders commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach about Jesus.

**Acts 4:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But answering, Peter and John said to them, "Whether it is right before God to listen to you rather than to God, you judge.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John told them in response, "In order to obey your command, we would have to disobey God{, who commanded us to tell everyone about Jesus}. We will let you decide whether you think God would want us to obey you instead of him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> For we are not able not to speak what we have seen and heard."

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> But as for us, we cannot obey you. We will not stop telling people about what we saw Jesus do and what we heard him teach."

**How did Peter and John answer the Jewish leaders?**

Peter and John said that they could not help but speak about the things they had seen and heard.

**Acts 4:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> So, having warned them further, they released them, finding nothing for which they might punish them, on account of the people, for they were all glorifying God for what had happened.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then the Jewish leaders again told Peter and John not to disobey them. But then they let them go without punishing them. The leaders knew that throughout Jerusalem people were praising God for what had happened {to the man who could not walk, and they did not want to upset the people}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> For the man to whom this sign of healing had happened was more than 40 years old.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> The people were praising God because {this was a remarkable miracle}. The man whom Peter and John had healed by doing this miracle was over forty years old, {and he had never before walked in his life}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But having been released, they came to {their} own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> After Peter and John left the council, they met with the others who believed in Jesus and told them everything that the people on the ruling council had said to them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And having heard, they raised their voice unanimously to God and said, "Lord, you {are} the one who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that {is} in them,

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> When the others who believed in Jesus heard this, they prayed together aloud to God, "O Lord! You made the sky, the earth, the oceans, and everything in them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> the one who said by the Holy Spirit from the mouth of our father David, your servant, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine useless things?'

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Your Holy Spirit caused our ancestor, King David, who served you, to write these words: 'Why did the people groups of the world become angry and why did they plan uselessly {against God}?''

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers were gathered to the same against the Lord and against his Christ.'

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> The kings in the world prepared to fight, and the rulers joined with them to oppose the Lord God and the one whom he had chosen to be the Messiah.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For in truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together in this city against your holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> What David said is true! Both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with people who were Israelites and people who were not, joined together in this city of Jerusalem to oppose Jesus. They opposed him even though he had done nothing wrong and even though you, God, had sent him as the Messiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> to do all that your hand and your counsel had predetermined to happen.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> {But when they opposed Jesus,} they did no more than you allowed because it was what you had decided long ago would happen.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> So now, Lord, listen to what they are saying about how they will punish us! Help us who serve you to speak about Jesus without being afraid at all!

**What did the believers ask for from God in response to the warnings from the Jewish leaders? (vv29-30)**

The believers asked for boldness to speak the word, and for signs and wonders to be done in Jesus' name.

**Acts 4:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> as you stretch out your hand to heal and for signs and wonders to happen through the name of your holy Servant Jesus."

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Use your power to do great healings and many other miraculous deeds that will show the authority you have given to Jesus, your chosen Messiah!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak the word of God with boldness.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> When the believers had finished praying, the place where they were meeting started to shake. The Holy Spirit gave them all power to tell people about Jesus as God had commanded, and they did that with great courage.

**What happened after the believers finished their prayer?**

After the believers finished their prayer, the place they were gathered was shaken, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word with boldness.

**Acts 4:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed was one in heart and soul. And not one said that any of the things that were to him was his own, but everything was common to them.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> Those in the group of people who believed in Jesus were in complete agreement about what they believed and what they wanted. Not one of them said that he was the sole owner of anything. Instead, they shared what they had with one another.

**How were the needs of the believers provided for?**

The believers had all things in common, and those who owned property sold it and gave the money to be distributed according to need.

**Acts 4:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were proclaiming the testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> The apostles continued to preach powerfully that God had caused the Lord Jesus to live again after he died. And God was helping all the believers very much.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 4:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> For there was not anyone needy among them, for all who were owners of lands or houses, selling them, were bringing the price of the things being sold

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> Here is one way God was helping them. No one among the believers was lacking anything. This was because other believers who owned fields or houses would sell some of their property to help them. They would bring the proceeds from the sale

**How were the needs of the believers provided for? (vv34-35)**

The believers had all things in common, and those who owned property sold it and gave the money to be distributed according to need.

**Acts 4:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> and they were laying it at the feet of the apostles, and it was being distributed to each one, according as anyone had need.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> and they would give it to the apostles. Then the apostles would give out the money to the believers who needed it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 4:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> Then Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which, being translated, is Son of Encouragement), a Levite from Cyprus by lineage,

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph who belonged to the tribe of Levi and who came from the island of Cyprus. The apostles called him Barnabas. In the language of the Jews, that name means a person who always encourages others.

**What was the new name, meaning the "Son of Encouragement," given to the man who sold his field and gave the money to the apostles? (vv36-37)**

The man named "Son of Encouragement" was Barnabas.

**Acts 4:37**

**ULT**

<sup>37</sup> selling a field that was to him, brought the money and laid it at the feet of the apostles.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> Barnabas sold a field that belonged to him and he brought the money to the apostles {for them to give to other believers}.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 5

### Acts 5:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man, Ananias by name, with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of land,

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Now there was one of the believers whose name was Ananias. He was married, and his wife's name was Sapphira. They also sold some land.

### What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit? (vv1-2)

Ananias and Sapphira lied, saying that they were giving the entire sale price of their property, but actually only giving a part of the sale price.

### Acts 5:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> and he kept back from the price, {his} wife also knowing, and bringing a certain portion, he laid it at the feet of the apostles.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He kept for himself some of the money he had received for the land. His wife knew that he had done that. Then he brought the rest of the money and gave it to the apostles.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 5:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back from the price of the land?"

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, "Ananias, you have allowed Satan to control you so completely that you tried to deceive the Holy Spirit. You kept for yourself some of the money you received for selling the land. {You did not give us all of it.}"

### To whom did Peter say Ananias and Sapphira had lied?

Peter said that Ananias and Sapphira had lied to the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 5:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> While it remained, did it not remain yours, and being sold, was it {not} in your authority? How {is it} that you placed this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Before you sold that land, you truly owned it. And after you sold it, the money was still yours. So you should never have thought about doing such a wicked thing. You were not just trying to deceive people! No, you were trying to deceive God himself!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And hearing these words, Ananias, falling down, expired, and great fear came upon all who heard.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard the things Peter told him, he immediately fell down dead. And everyone who learned {about Ananias' death} felt a great awe for God.

**What was God's judgment on Ananias?**

God killed Ananias.

**Acts 5:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> So rising up, the young men wrapped him up and, carrying him out, they buried him.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> When Ananias died, some young men came forward, wrapped his body in a sheet, and carried it out and buried it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And an interval of about three hours happened, and his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> About three hours later, his wife came in. But she did not know that Peter confronted her husband about the lie they had told and that her husband had died as a result.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter showed her the money that Ananias had brought and asked her, "Tell me, is this the amount of money you two received for the land you sold?" She said, "Yes, that is what we received."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> So Peter said to her, "How {is it} that it was agreed together by you to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who buried your husband {are} at the door, and they will carry you out."

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> So Peter said to her, "You both did a terrible thing when you agreed to try to deceive the Holy Spirit! This is what will happen to you as a result. {God struck your husband dead as a punishment and} some young men are just coming back from burying him. God is also going to strike you dead, and they will take your body out and bury it as well."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And immediately she fell down at his feet and expired. And having come in, the young men found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Immediately Sapphira fell down dead right in front of Peter. Just then the young men came back in. When they saw that she had also died, they carried her body out and buried it next to her husband's body.

**What was God's judgment on Sapphira?**

God killed Sapphira.

**Acts 5:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all those hearing these things.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> All the believers in Jerusalem felt a great awe for God because of what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira. Everyone else who heard about these things also felt great awe for God.

**What was the reaction of the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira?**

Great fear came upon the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira.

**Acts 5:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And many signs and wonders were happening through the hands of the apostles among the people, and they were all unanimously at the Porch of Solomon.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> God was enabling the apostles to do many amazing miracles {that showed the truth of what they were preaching} among the people. All the believers were meeting together regularly in the temple courtyard at the place called Solomon's Porch.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But none of the others dared to join them; however, the people extolled them.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> All of the other people who had not believed in Jesus were afraid to meet with the believers. However, those people continued to speak very highly of them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And more believers were being added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and of women,

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Many more men and women started believing in the Lord Jesus, and they joined the group of believers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> so that they even carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, so that as Peter came by, at least {his} shadow might overshadow any one of them.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Because the apostles were doing such amazing miracles, people started bringing those who had various diseases right into the streets and placing them on stretchers and mattresses there. They were hoping that when Peter walked by his shadow might touch some of them, because if even that happened, God would heal them.

**What were some people doing to have the sick healed? (vv15-16)**

Some were carrying the sick into the streets so Peter's shadow might fall on them, and others brought the sick from other towns to Jerusalem.

**Acts 5:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And a multitude also came together from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted by unclean spirits, who were all healed.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Large crowds of people were also coming to the apostles from the towns near Jerusalem. They were bringing those who had various diseases and those whom evil spirits were tormenting, and God healed all of them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> But rising up, the high priest and all those with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees) were filled with jealousy,

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> However, the high priest became very resentful {that such large crowds were coming to the apostles}. Many priests who were members of the Sadducee group were also very resentful of them. They joined together with the high priest to work against the apostles.

**How did the Sadducees react to all of the sick being healed in Jerusalem? (vv17-18)**

The Sadducees were filled with jealousy and put the apostles in jail.

**Acts 5:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> and they laid hands on the apostles and put them in the public prison.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> So they commanded the temple guards to arrest the apostles and to put them in the public jail.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 5:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, bringing them out, and said,

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> {The high priest and his allies kept the apostles in jail overnight so that they could question them in the morning.} But that night an angel from the Lord God opened the jail doors and led the apostles outside. Then the angel told them,

**How did the apostles get out of jail?**

An angel came and opened the doors of the jail and let them out.

**Acts 5:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> "Go and, standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> "Go to the temple courtyard, stand there, and tell the people about the eternal life that Jesus can give them. Do not leave anything out, even though the Sanhedrin has commanded you not to say certain things."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And having heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and were teaching. And having arrived, the high priest and those with him called together the Sanhedrin, even all the elders of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison to bring the apostles.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> So when the apostles heard what the angel said, they went to the temple courtyard and began to teach the people once more about Jesus. By then it was about dawn. Around that same time, the high priest and the other priests who were working with him gathered together in the Jewish council chamber. From there they summoned the other council members. Together they were all the leaders of Israel. Once the whole council was present, they sent guards to the jail to get the apostles.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But having arrived, the officers did not find them in the prison, so having returned, they reported,

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But when the guards arrived at the jail, they discovered that the apostles were not there. So they returned to the council and told the members,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> saying, "We found the prison shut in all security and the guards standing at the doors, but having opened, we found no one inside."

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> "We saw that the jail doors were very safely locked and that the guards were keeping watch in front of the doors. But when we opened the doors {and went in to get those men}, none of them were inside the jail."

**What did the officers of the high priest find when they went to the jail?**

The officers found the jail securely shut, but no one inside.

**Acts 5:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And when both the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed concerning them, as to what this might become.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> When the chief priests and the officer in charge of the temple guards heard that, they were greatly confused. They wondered what the consequences would be.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Then someone, having arrived, reported to them, "Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Then someone came and reported to them, "Listen to this! The men you put in jail have somehow gotten into the temple courtyard. And they are telling the people there about Jesus!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Then the captain, going with the officers, brought them back, not with violence, for they feared the people, lest they stone them.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> So the officer in charge of the temple guards went to the temple courtyard with the officers. They brought the apostles back {to the council room}. But they did not treat them roughly. They were afraid that if they did that, the people would try to kill them by throwing stones at them.

**Why did the officers bring the apostles back to the high priest and council without violence?**

The officers feared that the people might stone them.

**Acts 5:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And having brought them, they set them in the Sanhedrin, and the high priest interrogated them,

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> After the captain and his officers had brought the apostles to the council room, they commanded them to stand in front of the council members. Then the high priest questioned them intensely.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> saying, "We commanded you with a command not to teach in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you desire to bring upon us the blood of this man."

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> He said to them, "We ordered you very clearly not to teach people about that man Jesus! But you have disobeyed us, and you have taught people all over Jerusalem about him! Furthermore, you are trying to make it seem that we are the ones who are guilty for that man's death!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> But answering, Peter and the apostles said, "It is necessary to obey God rather than men.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> But Peter, speaking for himself and the other apostles, replied, "We have to obey what God commands us to do, not what you people tell us to do!

**When questioned about why they were teaching in Jesus' name when they had been charged not to, what did the apostles say?**

The apostles said, "We must obey God rather than men".

**Acts 5:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed, having hung him on a tree.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> You are the ones who killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross! But God, whom our ancestors worshiped, caused Jesus to live again after he died.

**Who did the apostles say was responsible for killing Jesus?**

The apostles said that the high priest and council members were responsible for killing Jesus.

**Acts 5:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> God has exalted this one to his right as Prince and Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> God has honored Jesus more than he has honored anyone else. He has made him the one to save us and rule over us. He has enabled us Israelites to stop sinning and he has forgiven us for the sins we committed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses of these things, and the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those obeying him.”

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> We tell people about these things that we saw happen to Jesus. The Holy Spirit, whom God has sent to us who obey him, is also confirming that these things are true.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> But having heard this, they were furious and wanted to kill them.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they became so angry {with the apostles} that they wanted to kill them.

**How did the council members react to the statement that they were responsible for killing Jesus?**

The council members were furious and wanted to kill the apostles.

**Acts 5:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> But a certain Pharisee, Gamaliel by name, a law teacher, honored by all the people, rising up in the Sanhedrin, commanded to put the apostles outside for a little.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> But there was a council member named Gamaliel. He was a member of the Pharisee group. He taught the Jewish laws, and the Jewish people respected him highly. He stood up in the council and told the guards to take the apostles out of the room for a short time.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, "Men, Israelites, pay attention to yourselves, what you are about to do to these men.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> {After the guards had taken the apostles out,} he said to the other council members, "You leaders of the people of Israel, you must think carefully about what you are going to do to these men.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> For before these days, Theudas rose up, saying himself to be somebody, to whom was joined a number of men, about 400, who was killed, and all, as many as were persuaded by him, were dispersed, and they came to nothing.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Some years ago a man named Theudas led a revolt against the government. He claimed that he was a great man, and about four hundred men joined him. But the Romans captured and executed him, and all those who had joined him went back to where they came from. So this revolt did not succeed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> After this one, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away people after him. That one also perished, and all, as many as were persuaded by him, were scattered.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> After that, during the time when the Romans were recording the names of people in order to tax them, a man named Judas from the region of Galilee rebelled. He convinced some people to rebel with him. But he too died, and all those who had joined him went off in different directions.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 5:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And now I say these things to you: Keep away from these men and release them, for if this counsel or this work is from men, it will be destroyed,

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> Based on these examples, let me offer some advice. Do not kill these men! Set them free! I say this because if the things that are happening now are just something that humans have planned, someone will stop them. They will fail.

**What was Gamaliel's advice to the council?**

Gamaliel advised the council to leave the apostles alone.

**Acts 5:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> but if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy them, lest you may even be found God-opposers." And they were persuaded by him.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> But if God has commanded them to do these things, you will not be able to stop them. You may even discover that you are working against God!" The other members of the council accepted what Gamaliel said.

**What did Gamaliel warn the council they might end up doing if they tried to overthrow the apostles?**

Gamaliel warned the council that they might end up fighting against God.

**Acts 5:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> And summoning the apostles, having beaten them, they commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and they released them.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> They told the temple guards to bring the apostles and beat them. {So the guards brought them into the council room and beat them.} Then the council members commanded the apostles not to speak to people about Jesus any more, and they let them go.

**What did the council finally do with the apostles?**

The council beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

**Acts 5:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> Therefore, they indeed went out from the face of the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> So the apostles left the council chamber. As they did, they even rejoiced that God had honored them by allowing people to treat them badly because they were testifying to Jesus.

**How did the apostles react to the treatment they received from the council?**

The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name.

**Acts 5:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And every day, in the temple and in each house, they did not cease teaching and proclaiming the gospel—Jesus {is} the Christ.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> Every day after that, the apostles went to the temple area and to various people's houses, and they continued teaching people and telling them that Jesus is the Messiah.

**What did the apostles do every day after their meeting with the council?**

The apostles preached and taught every day that Jesus was the Christ.



## Acts 6

### Acts 6:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days, when the disciples were multiplying, a complaint by the Hellenists began against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> During that time, many more people were becoming believers. The non-native Jews began to complain about the native-born Israelites because the widows among them were not receiving their fair share of food every day.

### What complaint arose from the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews?

The Grecian Jews complained that their widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution.

### Acts 6:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> So the Twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples {and} said, "It is not acceptable for us to leave behind the word of God to serve tables.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> So, after the twelve apostles had heard what they were saying, they summoned all the other believers in Jerusalem to meet together. Then the apostles said to them, "We would not be doing right if we stopped preaching and teaching God's message in order to distribute food to people!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> So brothers, choose from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this task.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> So, fellow believers, carefully choose seven men from among you, men whom you know that the Spirit of God directs and who are very wise. Then we will instruct them to do this work.

**Who chose the seven men to take care of the business of food distribution?**

The disciples (brothers) chose the seven men.

**What were the qualifications for being chosen as one of the seven men?**

The seven men had to be of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom.

**Acts 6:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But we will continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> As for us, we will keep on using our time to pray and to preach and teach the message about Jesus."

**In what would the apostles continue?**

The apostles would continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word.

**Acts 6:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And the statement was pleasing before the whole multitude. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte from Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> What the apostles recommended pleased all of the other believers. So they chose Stephen, a man who strongly believed in God and whom the Holy Spirit controlled completely. They also chose Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, who was from the city of Antioch. Nicolas had accepted the Jewish religion before he had believed in Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> They brought them before the apostles, and they prayed {and} placed their hands upon them.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> The believers brought these seven men to the apostles. Then the apostles prayed for those men and placed their hands on the heads of each one of them to cause them to do that work.

**What did the apostles do when the believers brought the seven men?**

The apostles prayed and placed their hands upon them.

**Acts 6:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> So the word of God kept spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and a large crowd of the priests became obedient to the faith.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> So the believers continued to tell many people the message from God. The number of people in Jerusalem who believed in Jesus was increasing greatly. Among them were many Jewish priests who were obeying the message about how they should trust in Jesus.

**What was happening with the disciples in Jerusalem?**

The number of disciples was greatly increasing, including a great number of the priests.

**Acts 6:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> God was giving Stephen power to do many amazing miracles among the people that showed that the message about Jesus was true.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But there arose some people who {were} from the synagogue that is called Freedmen, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia. They were debating with Stephen.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> However, some people opposed Stephen. They were Jews from a group that regularly met together in a synagogue that was called the Freedmen's Synagogue, and also people from the cities of Cyrene and Alexandria and from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They all began to argue with Stephen.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But they were not able to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by whom he spoke.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> But they were not able to prove that what he said was wrong, because God's Spirit enabled him to speak very wisely.

**Who was winning the debates between the unbelieving Jews and Stephen?**

The unbelieving Jews could not stand against the wisdom and Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

**Acts 6:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> Then they bribed men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> So they secretly persuaded some men to falsely accuse Stephen. Those men said, "We heard him say bad things about Moses and God."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> They also stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and approaching him, they seized him and brought him to the Sanhedrin.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> So they made the other Jewish people angry at Stephen, including the elders and the teachers of the Jewish laws. Then they all seized Stephen and took him to the Jewish council.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And they brought false witnesses, saying, "This man does not stop speaking words against the holy place and the law.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> They also brought in some men and paid them money so they would give false testimony. They said, "This fellow keeps saying bad things about this holy temple and about the laws that Moses received from God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 6:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> For we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> What we mean is that we have heard him say that this Jesus from the town of Nazareth will destroy this temple and will tell us to obey different customs than Moses taught our ancestors."

**What accusation was made by false witnesses against Stephen to the council?**

The false witnesses claimed that Stephen said Jesus would destroy this place and change the customs of Moses.

**Acts 6:15**

**ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And looking intently at him, everyone who was sitting in the Sanhedrin saw his face as the face of an angel.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> All the people in the council room stared at Stephen and saw that his face resembled the face of an angel.

**When the council looked at Stephen, what did they see?**

They saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

## Acts 7

### Acts 7:1

**ULT**

<sup>1</sup> Then the high priest said, "Are these things thus?"

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are the things that these people are saying about you true?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 7:2

**ULT**

<sup>2</sup> Then he said, "Men, brothers, and fathers, listen to me: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, even before he lived in Haran;

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> Stephen replied, "Fellow Jews and respected leaders, please listen to me! The glorious God whom we worship appeared to our ancestor Abraham while he was still living in the region of Mesopotamia, before he moved to the city of Haran.

### Stephen began to review the history of the Jewish people beginning with God's promise to whom?

Stephen began his history by talking about God's promise to Abraham.

### Acts 7:3

**ULT**

<sup>3</sup> and he said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you.'

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> God said to him, 'Leave this land where you and your relatives are living, and go into the land which I will direct you to.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> Then going out from the land of the Chaldeans, he lived in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, {God} brought him into this land, in which you live now.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> So Abraham left that land, which was also called Chaldea, and he arrived in Haran and lived there. After his father died, God told him to move to this land in which you and I are now living.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But he did not give him an inheritance in it—not even a stride of a foot. But he promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him—although he did not have a child.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> At that time God did not give Abraham any land to own here, not even a small plot of this land. But God promised that he would later give this land to him and his descendants, and that it would always belong to them. However, at that time Abraham did not have any children who would inherit it.

**What was God’s promise to Abraham?**

God promised land to Abraham and his descendants.

**Why did God’s promise to Abraham seem impossible to fulfill?**

God’s promise seemed impossible because Abraham had no children.

**Acts 7:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But God spoke to him like this, that his seed would be strangers in a foreign land, and that they would enslave him and treat him badly for 400 years.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Later God told Abraham, ‘Your descendants will go and live in a foreign country. They will live there for four hundred years, and during that time their leaders will mistreat your descendants and force them to work as slaves.’

**What did God say would first happen to Abraham’s descendants for four hundred years?**

God said Abraham’s descendants would be slaves in a foreign land for four hundred years.



**Acts 7:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> 'But I will judge the nation that will enslave him,' said God, 'and after that they will come out and serve me in this place.'

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> 'But I will punish the people who make them work as slaves,' said God. 'After that, your descendants will leave that land, and they will come and worship me in this land.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And God gave him the covenant of circumcision, and so he became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac of Jacob, and Jacob of the 12 patriarchs.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then God commanded that every male in Abraham's household and all of his male descendants should be circumcised to show that they all belonged to God. Later Abraham's son, Isaac, was born, and when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him. Later Isaac's son, Jacob, was born. Jacob was the father of the twelve men whom we Jews call the patriarchs, our forefathers.

**What covenant did God give to Abraham?**

God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision.

**Acts 7:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the patriarchs, being jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt. But God was with him

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> You know that Jacob's older sons became jealous because their father favored their younger brother Joseph. So they sold him to merchants who took him to Egypt, where he became a slave. But God helped Joseph.

**How did Joseph become a slave in Egypt?**

His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into Egypt.

**Acts 7:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> and he rescued him from all his afflictions, and he gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he appointed him governor over Egypt and {over} all his household.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> He protected him whenever people caused him to suffer. He enabled Joseph to be wise, and he caused Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to think well of Joseph. So Pharaoh appointed him to rule over Egypt and to look after all of Pharaoh's property.

**How did Joseph become governor over Egypt?**

God gave Joseph favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh.

**Acts 7:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> Then came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great tribulation, and our fathers did not find food.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> While Joseph was doing that work, there was a time when there was very little food in Egypt and also in Canaan. People were suffering. At that time Jacob and his sons in Canaan also could not find enough food.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But when Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he first sent our fathers.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When Jacob heard people report that there was grain that people could buy in Egypt, he sent Joseph's older brothers to go there to buy grain. They went and bought grain from Joseph, but they did not recognize him. Then they returned home.

**What did Jacob do when there was famine in Canaan? (vv12-13)**

Jacob sent his sons to Egypt because he heard there was grain there.

**Acts 7:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And during {their} second time, Joseph was made known to his brothers, and the family of Joseph became known to Pharaoh.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> When Joseph's brothers went to Egypt the second time, they again bought grain from Joseph. But this time he told them who he was. And so Pharaoh learned that Joseph's people were Hebrews and that those men who had come from Canaan were his brothers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> Then sending them back, Joseph summoned Jacob, his father, and all {his} relatives, 75 souls in {all}.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then after Joseph sent his brothers back home, they told their father Jacob that Joseph wanted him and his entire family to come to Egypt. At that time Jacob's family consisted of seventy-five people.

**Why did Jacob and his relatives move to Egypt?**

Joseph sent his brothers to tell Jacob to come to Egypt.

**Acts 7:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> So Jacob went down to Egypt, and he and our fathers died.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> So when Jacob heard that, he and all his family went to live in Egypt. Later on, Jacob died there, and our other ancestors, his sons, also died there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And they were carried over to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Their bodies were brought back to our land and were buried in the tomb that Abraham had bought from Hamor's sons in the city of Shechem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And as the time of the promise that God had promised to Abraham approached, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Our ancestors had become very numerous when it was almost time for God to rescue them from Egypt, as he had promised Abraham that he would do.

**What happened to the number of Israelites in Egypt as the time promised to Abraham drew near?**

The number of Israelites in Egypt grew and multiplied.

**Acts 7:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Another king had begun to rule in Egypt. He did not know that Joseph had greatly helped the people of Egypt long before his own time.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Taking advantage of our people, he mistreated {our} fathers, to make their exposed babies to not be kept alive.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> That king tried to get rid of our ancestors in cruel ways. He oppressed them and caused them to suffer greatly. He even commanded them to throw their newborn babies outside their homes so that they would die.

**How did the new king of Egypt try to reduce the number of Israelites?**

The new king of Egypt forced the Israelites to throw out their infants so they would not survive.

**Acts 7:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> At that time Moses was born; and he was beautiful to God. He was nourished for three months in the house of {his} father.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> During that time Moses was born, and God saw that he was a very beautiful child. So his parents secretly cared for him in their house for three months.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him and raised him for herself as a son.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then they had to put him outside the house, but Pharaoh's daughter found him and cared for him as though he were her own son.

**How did Moses survive being thrown out?**

Pharaoh's daughter took Moses and raised him as her own son.

**Acts 7:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and works.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Moses was taught all the learning that the people in Egypt knew, and when he grew up, he spoke and did things powerfully.

**How was Moses educated?**

Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians.

**Acts 7:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But when he was about 40 years of age, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> One day when Moses was about forty years old, he decided that he would go and visit his relatives, the Israelites.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And seeing a certain one being mistreated, he defended him and made vengeance for the one being oppressed by striking the Egyptian:

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> He saw an Egyptian mistreating one of the Israelites. So he went over to help the Israelite man, and he avenged the Israelite man by killing the Egyptian.

**When he was forty years old, what did Moses do when he saw an Israelite being mistreated?**

Moses defended the Israelite and struck the Egyptian.

**Acts 7:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> and he thought {his} brothers would understand that God by his hand was giving salvation to them, but they did not understand.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Moses thought that his fellow Israelites would understand that God had sent him to free them from being slaves. But they did not understand.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And on the next day he appeared to them as they were quarreling, and he urged them to peace, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why is it that you are hurting each other?'

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> The next day, Moses saw two Israelite men fighting each other. He tried to make them stop fighting by saying to them, 'Men, you two are fellow Israelites! You must stop hurting each other!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But the one injuring {his} neighbor pushed him away, {and} said, 'Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us?'

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> But the man who was injuring the other man pushed Moses away and said to him, 'No one appointed you ruler and judge over us!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> You do not want to kill me in the same way you killed the Egyptian yesterday, do you?'

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> You probably want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Then Moses ran away at this statement, and he became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> When Moses heard that, he fled from Egypt to Midian land. He lived there for some years. He got married, and he and his wife had two sons.

**To where did Moses flee?**

Moses fled to Midian.

**Acts 7:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And when 40 years were past, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> One day forty years later, the Lord God appeared as an angel to Moses. He appeared in the flame of a bush that was burning in the desert near Mount Sinai.

**When Moses was eighty years old, what did Moses see?**

Moses saw an angel in a flame of fire in a bush.

**Acts 7:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And when Moses saw the fire, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look at it, there came a voice of the Lord:

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he was amazed because the bush was not burning up. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord God say to him,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 7:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob.' And becoming terrified, Moses did not dare to look.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> 'I am the God whom your ancestors worshiped. I am the God that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob worship.' Moses was so afraid that he began to shake. He was afraid to look at the bush any longer.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And the Lord said to him, 'Untie the sandals of your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Then the Lord God said to him, 'Take your sandals off to show that you honor me. Because I am here, the place where you are standing is especially mine.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> I have certainly seen the oppression of my people who {are} in Egypt, and I have heard their groans, and I have come down to rescue them; so now come, I will send you to Egypt.'

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> I have certainly seen how the people of Egypt are continually causing my people to suffer. I have heard my people when they groan because of it. So I have come down to rescue them from Egypt. Now get ready, because I am going to send you back to Egypt.'

**Where did the Lord command Moses to go, and what was God going to do there?**

The Lord commanded Moses to go to Egypt, because God was going to rescue the Israelites.

**Acts 7:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> This same Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who appointed you a ruler and a judge?'—God sent him as both a ruler and a redeemer with the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> This Moses is the one who had tried to help our Israelite people, but whom they rejected by saying, 'No one appointed you ruler and judge!' Moses is the one whom God himself sent to rule them and to free them from being slaves. He is the one whom an angel in the bush commanded to do that.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> He led them out, doing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and at the Sea of Reeds, and in the wilderness during 40 years.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Moses is the one who led our ancestors out from Egypt. He did many kinds of miracles in Egypt in order to show that God was with him, at the Sea of Reeds, and during the forty years that the Israelite people lived in the wilderness.

**How long did Moses lead the Israelites in the wilderness?**

Moses led the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years.

**Acts 7:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> It is this Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'God will raise up a prophet like me for you from among your brothers.'

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> This Moses is the one who said to the Israelite people, 'God will cause another man from among your own people to be a prophet like me for you.'

**What did Moses prophesy to the Israelites?**

Moses prophesied to the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him from among their brothers.

**Acts 7:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> This is the one who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received living words to give to us.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> It was this man Moses who was among the Israelites who were together in the wilderness; he was with the angel who had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. It is Moses to whom God had the angel on Mount Sinai give him our laws, and he was the one who told our ancestors what the angel had said. He was the one who received from God words that tell us how to live eternally and passed them on to us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> Our fathers were not willing to be obedient to him, but instead they pushed him away, and turned back in their hearts to Egypt.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> However, our ancestors did not want to obey Moses. Instead, they rejected him as their leader and wanted to return to Egypt.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> They had said to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will lead us. As for this Moses, who brought us from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.'

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> So they told his older brother Aaron, 'Make idols for us who will be our gods to lead us. As for that fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> So they made an image of a calf in those days and brought a sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the work of their hands.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> So they made an image that looked like a calf. Then they offered sacrifices to honor that idol, and they sang and danced because of what they themselves had made.

**How did the Israelites turn their hearts back to Egypt?**

The Israelites made a calf and sacrificed to the idol.

**Acts 7:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> But God turned away and gave them up to serve the host of heaven, just as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'You did not offer to me slain beasts and sacrifices for 40 years in the wilderness, did you, O house of Israel?'

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> So God stopped correcting them. He abandoned them to worship the sun, moon and stars in the sky. This agrees with the words that one of the prophets wrote: God said, 'You Israelite people, when you repeatedly killed animals and offered them as sacrifices during those forty years that you were in the wilderness, you certainly were not truly offering them to me!'

**How did God respond to the Israelites turning away from him?**

God turned from Israelites and gave them up to serve the host of heaven.

**Acts 7:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> And you took up the tabernacle of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, {and} the images that you made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> On the contrary, you carried with you from place to place the tent that contained the idol representing the god Molech that you worshiped. You also carried with you the image of the star called Rephan. Those were idols that you had made, and you worshiped them instead of me. So I will cause you to be taken away far from your homes to regions even farther than Babylon country.'

**To where did God say he would carry away the Israelites?**

God said he would carry the Israelites away to Babylon.

**Acts 7:44****ULT**

<sup>44</sup> The tabernacle of the testimony was with our fathers in the wilderness, just as the one speaking to Moses had commanded, to make it according to the pattern that he had seen.

**UST**

<sup>44</sup> "While our ancestors were in the desert, they worshiped God at the sacred tent that showed that he was there with them. They had made the tent exactly like God had commanded Moses to make it. It was exactly like the model that Moses had seen when he was up on the mountain.

**In the wilderness, what did God command the Israelites to build, which they later carried into the land? (vv44-45)**

In the wilderness, the Israelites built the tabernacle of the testimony.

**Acts 7:45****ULT**

<sup>45</sup> Our fathers, under Joshua, received it and brought it with them when they took possession of the nations whom God drove out from the face of our fathers until the days of David,

**UST**

<sup>45</sup> Later on, other ancestors of ours carried that tent with them when Joshua led them into this land. That was during the time that they took this land for themselves, when God forced the people who previously lived here to leave. So the Israelites were able to possess this land. The tent remained in this land and was still here when King David ruled.

**Who drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites?**

God drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites.

**Acts 7:46****ULT**

<sup>46</sup> who found favor before God, and he asked to find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>46</sup> David pleased God, and he asked God to let him build a house where he and all of our Israelite people could worship God.

**Who asked to build a dwelling place for God?**

David asked to build a dwelling place for God.

**Acts 7:47****ULT**

<sup>47</sup> However, Solomon built the house for him.

**UST**

<sup>47</sup> But instead, God told David's son Solomon to build a house where people could worship him."

**Who actually built God a house?**

Solomon built God a house.

**Acts 7:48****ULT**

<sup>48</sup> But the Most High does not live in houses made with hands, just as the prophet says,

**UST**

<sup>48</sup> "However, we know that God is greater than everything, and he does not live in houses that people have made. It is like the prophet Isaiah wrote:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:49****ULT**

<sup>49</sup> 'Heaven {is} my throne, and the earth {is} the footstool for my feet. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord, or what {is} the place for my rest?

**UST**

<sup>49-50</sup> God said, "Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. I myself have made everything both in heaven and on the earth. So you human beings cannot make a place good enough for me to live in!"

**Where does the Most High have his throne?**

The Most High has heaven as his throne.

**Acts 7:50****ULT**

<sup>50</sup> Did my hand not make all these things?’

**UST**

<sup>49-50</sup> God said, “Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. I myself have made everything both in heaven and on the earth. So you human beings cannot make a place good enough for me to live in!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:51****ULT**

<sup>51</sup> O stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers—also you.

**UST**

<sup>51</sup> “You people are extremely stubborn toward him! You are exactly like your ancestors! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as they did!

**What did Stephen accuse the people of always doing, just as their forefathers had done?**

Stephen accused the people of resisting the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 7:52****ULT**

<sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who told in advance about the coming of the Righteous One, of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers,

**UST**

<sup>52</sup> Your ancestors caused every prophet to suffer. They even killed those who long ago announced that the Messiah would come, the one who always did what pleased God. And the Messiah has come! He is the one whom you recently turned over to his enemies and insisted that they kill him!

**What did Stephen say the people were guilty of concerning the Righteous One?**

Stephen said the people had betrayed and murdered the Righteous One.

**Acts 7:53****ULT**

<sup>53</sup> who received the law as ordained by angels, but did not keep it.”

**UST**

<sup>53</sup> You are the people who have received God’s laws. Those were laws that God caused angels to give to our ancestors. However, you have not obeyed them!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:54****ULT**

<sup>54</sup> Now hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts, and they ground {their} teeth at him.

**UST**

<sup>54</sup> When the Jewish council members and others there heard all that Stephen said, they became very angry. They were grinding their teeth together because they were so angry at him!

**How did the council members respond to Stephen’s accusations?**

The council members were cut to the heart and ground their teeth at Stephen.

**Acts 7:55****ULT**

<sup>55</sup> But being full of the Holy Spirit {and} looking intently into heaven, he saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

**UST**

<sup>55</sup> But the Holy Spirit completely controlled Stephen. He looked up into heaven and saw a dazzling light from God, and he saw Jesus standing at God’s right side.

**What did Stephen say he saw as he looked up into heaven? (vv55-56)**

Stephen said he saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God.



**Acts 7:56****ULT**

<sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

**UST**

<sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see heaven open, and I see the Son of Man in human form standing where God rules!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:57****ULT**

<sup>57</sup> But shouting with a loud voice, they covered their ears and rushed at him all at once.

**UST**

<sup>57</sup> When the Jewish council members and others heard that, they shouted loudly. They put their hands over their ears so that they would not hear him, and immediately, they all rushed at him.

**What did the council members then do to Stephen? (vv57-58)**

The council members rushed upon him, threw him out of the city, and stoned him.

**Acts 7:58****ULT**

<sup>58</sup> And throwing him outside the city, they stoned him. And the witnesses laid aside their outer garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

**UST**

<sup>58</sup> They dragged him outside the city of Jerusalem and started to throw stones at him. The people who were accusing him took off their outer garments in order to throw stones more easily, and they put their clothes on the ground next to a young man whose name was Saul, so that he could guard them.

**Where did the witnesses lay down their outer clothes during the stoning of Stephen?**

The witnesses laid their outer clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

**Acts 7:59****ULT**

<sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he was calling out and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

**UST**

<sup>59</sup> While they continued to throw stones at Stephen, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 7:60****ULT**

<sup>60</sup> But having knelt down on {his} knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And having said this, he fell asleep.

7:46 <sup>[1]</sup> but the best ancient manuscripts have .

**UST**

<sup>60</sup> Then Stephen fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not punish them for this sin!" After he had said this, he died.

**What was the last thing Stephen asked for before he died?**

Stephen asked God not to hold this sin to the people's responsibility.

## Acts 8

### Acts 8:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Saul was agreeing with his execution. And there began on that day a great persecution against the church that {was} in Jerusalem, and they all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

#### UST

<sup>1-2</sup> Then some men who revered God buried Stephen's body in a tomb, and they mourned greatly and loudly for him. On that same day people started severely persecuting the believers who were living in Jerusalem. So most of the believers fled to other places throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. The apostles remained in Jerusalem.

#### What did Saul think about Stephen's stoning?

Saul was in agreement with Stephen's death.

#### What began on the day Stephen was stoned?

A great persecution against the church in Jerusalem began on the day Stephen was stoned.

#### What did the believers in Jerusalem do?

The believers in Jerusalem were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.

### Acts 8:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And devout men carried away Stephen and made great lamentation over him.

#### UST

<sup>1-2</sup> Then some men who revered God buried Stephen's body in a tomb, and they mourned greatly and loudly for him. On that same day people started severely persecuting the believers who were living in Jerusalem. So most of the believers fled to other places throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. The apostles remained in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> But Saul was harming the church, entering according to the houses, dragging out both men and women, {and} delivering them to prison.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> While they were killing Stephen, Saul was there approving that they should kill Stephen. So Saul also began trying to destroy the group of believers. He entered houses one by one, he dragged away men and women who believed in Jesus, and then he put them into prison.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> Then those who had been scattered went about proclaiming the gospel—the word.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The believers who had left Jerusalem went to different places, where they continued preaching the message about Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, proclaiming to them the Christ.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> One of those believers, whose name was Philip, went down from Jerusalem to a city in the district of Samaria. There he was telling the people that Jesus is the Messiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And the crowds with one accord were paying attention to the things being spoken by Philip when they heard them and saw the signs that he was doing.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Many people there heard Philip speak and saw the miraculous things that he was doing. So they all paid close attention to his words.

**Why did the people of Samaria pay attention to what Philip said?**

The people paid attention when they saw the signs that Philip did.

**Acts 8:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> For many of them having unclean spirits, they were coming out, crying out with a loud voice. And many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> For example, Philip commanded evil spirits to come out of many people, and they came out screaming. Also, many people who were paralyzed and many others who were lame were healed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And there was much joy in that city.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> So, many people in that city greatly rejoiced.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But a certain man named Simon was formerly practicing sorcery in the city and astonishing the nation of Samaria, claiming himself to be someone great,

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> There was a man in that city whose name was Simon. He had been practicing sorcery for a long time, and he amazed the people in the district of Samaria with his magic. He claimed he was "Simon the Great One!"

**Why had the people of Samaria paid attention to Simon? (vv9-11)**

The people had paid attention when they saw his sorceries.

**Acts 8:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> to whom they all, from least to greatest, were paying attention, saying, "This {man} is the power of God which is called Great."

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> All the people there, both ordinary and important people, listened to him. They were saying, "This man is the Great Power of God."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And they were listening to him, because he had amazed them for a long time with {his} sorceries.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> They continued to listen to him carefully because, for a long time he had astonished them by practicing sorcery.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip, proclaiming the gospel about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> But then they believed Philip's message of the good news about when God would show himself as king and about Jesus the Messiah. The men and the women who believed in Jesus were baptized.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Simon himself also believed and, having been baptized, he was continuing with Philip. And seeing signs and mighty deeds happening, he was amazed.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed Philip's message and was baptized. He began to constantly accompany Philip, and he was continually amazed by the great miracles he saw Philip doing, things that showed Philip was speaking the truth.

**When Simon heard Philip's message, what did he do?**

Simon also believed and was baptized.

**Acts 8:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that many people throughout Samaria district had believed God's message, they sent Peter and John there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> who, having come down, prayed for them, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> When Peter and John arrived in Samaria, they prayed for those new believers to receive the Holy Spirit.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> For he had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> For it was clear that the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Then they were laying {their} hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**What happened when Peter and John laid hands on the believers in Samaria?**

The believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit.



**Acts 8:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And when Simon saw that the Spirit was being given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money,

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Simon saw that the Spirit was given to people as a result of the apostles placing their hands on them. So he offered to give money to the apostles,

**What offer did Simon make to the apostles? (vv18-19)**

Simon offered the apostles money in exchange for the power to give the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands.

**Acts 8:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> saying, "Give to me also this authority, so that whoever I lay {my} hands on may receive the Holy Spirit."

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> saying, "Enable me also to do what you are doing, so that everyone on whom I place my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "Your silver with you is for destruction, because you thought to obtain the gift of God through money.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "May you and your money be destroyed, because you tried to get God's gift with money!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> There is to you no part or share in this matter, because your heart is not right before God.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> You cannot work with us in what we are doing, because your heart is not right with God!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord, if therefore the intention of your heart will be forgiven to you.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> So stop thinking wickedly like that, and plead that the Lord, if he is willing, will forgive you for what you wickedly thought in your heart to do!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the poison of bitterness and the bond of unrighteousness."

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Turn away from your evil ways, because I perceive that you are extremely envious of us, and you are a slave of your continual desire to do evil!"

**After Simon made this offer to the apostles, what did Peter say was his spiritual condition?**

Peter said that Simon was in the poison of bitterness and the bonds of sin.

**Acts 8:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> But answering, Simon said, "You pray to the Lord for me, so that nothing of which you have spoken may happen to me."

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord that he will not do to me what you just said!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they were returning to Jerusalem and proclaiming the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> After Peter and John told people there what they knew personally about the Lord Jesus and declared to them the message of the Lord, they both returned to Jerusalem. Along the way they preached the good word about Jesus to people in the district of Samaria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is desert.)

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> One day an angel, whom the Lord God had sent, commanded Philip, "Get ready and go south along the road that extends from Jerusalem to the city of Gaza." That was a road in a desert area.

**What did an angel tell Philip to do?**

An angel told Philip to go south to the desert road toward Gaza.

**Acts 8:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And he arose {and} went, and behold, a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch, an official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> So Philip got ready and went along that road. On the road he met a man from the land of Ethiopia. The man was an important official who took care of all the funds for the queen of Ethiopia. In his language people called their queen Candace. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship God,

**Who did Philip meet and what was the person doing? (vv27-28)**

Philip met a eunuch of great authority from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot reading the prophet Isaiah.

**Acts 8:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> and he was returning and sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> and he was returning home and was seated, riding in his chariot. As he was riding, he was reading aloud in the book of the prophet Isaiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and be joined to this chariot."

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> God's Spirit told Philip, "Go near to that chariot and keep walking close to it!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him, {and} heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to the chariot and heard the official reading what the prophet Isaiah had written. He asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

**What question did Philip ask the man?**

Philip asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

**Acts 8:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And he said, "For how would I be able, unless someone will guide me?" And he summoned Philip, having come up, to sit with him.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> He answered Philip, "No! I cannot possibly understand it if there is no one to explain it to me!" Then the man said to Philip, "Please come up and sit beside me."

**What did the man ask Philip to do?**

The man asked Philip to come up into the chariot and explain what he was reading.

**Acts 8:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this, "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before its shearer {is} silent, thus he does not open his mouth.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> The part of the Scriptures that the official was reading was this: "He is as calm as a sheep that people lead to the place where they are going to kill it, or as a lamb stands in silence while its wool is being cut off.

**What happens to the person being described in the scripture from Isaiah that was being read?**

The person is led as a sheep to the slaughter, but does not open his mouth.

**Acts 8:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> In humiliation his justice was taken away. Who can fully describe his generation? For his life was taken from the earth."

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> He will be humiliated. He will not receive justice for justice will be taken away from him. No one will be able to tell about his descendants—for he will have no descendants—because they will take away his life on this earth."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And answering, the eunuch said to Philip, "I am begging you, about whom is the prophet saying this—concerning himself, or about some other {person}?"

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> The official asked Philip concerning these words that he was reading, "Tell me, who was the prophet writing about? Was he writing about himself or about someone else?"

**What question did the man ask Philip about the scripture he was reading?**

The man asked Philip if the prophet was speaking about himself or about some other person.

**Acts 8:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And Philip opened his mouth, and having begun with this scripture, he proclaimed the gospel to him—Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> So Philip replied to him; he began with that scripture passage, and he told him the good message about Jesus.

**Who did Philip say was the person in the scripture from Isaiah?**

Philip explained that the person in the scripture from Isaiah was Jesus.

**Acts 8:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch says, "Behold, water! What is preventing me to be baptized?"

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> While they were traveling along the road, they came to a place where there was some water. Then the official said to Philip, "Look, there is some water! I would like you to baptize me, because I do not know of anything that would prevent me from being baptized."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:37****ULT**

<sup>37[1]</sup> [And Philip said to him, "If you believe from your whole heart, you will be saved." And he answered {and} said, "I believe in the Christ, the Son of God."]

**UST**

<sup>37[1]</sup> [Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized." The Ethiopian answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 8:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> So the official told the driver to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

**What did Philip then do to the man?**

Philip and the eunuch both went into the water and Philip baptized him.

**Acts 8:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And when they came up from the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched away Philip, and the eunuch did not see him anymore, for he went on his way rejoicing.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, suddenly the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The official never saw Philip again. But although he never saw Philip again, the official continued going along the road, very happy.

**What happened to Philip when he came out of the water?**

When Philip came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away.

**What did the eunuch do when he came out of the water?**

When the eunuch came out of the water, he went on his way rejoicing.

**Acts 8:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus and passed through, proclaiming the gospel to all the cities until his coming to Caesarea.

8:37 <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> Philip then realized that the Spirit had miraculously taken him to the town of Azotus. While he traveled around in that region, he continued proclaiming the message about Jesus in all the towns between the cities of Azotus and Caesarea. And he was still proclaiming it when he finally arrived in Caesarea.

8:37 <sup>[1]</sup>

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 9****Acts 9:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still speaking threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, having gone to the high priest,

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul angrily continued to threaten to kill those who followed the Lord. He went to the high priest in Jerusalem

**What did Saul ask the high priest in Jerusalem permission to do? (vv1-2)**

Saul asked for letters so that he could travel to Damascus and bring back bound any who belonged to the Way.

**Acts 9:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> asked letters from him to Damascus, to the synagogues, so that if he might find anyone being of the Way, both men and women, having bound them, he might bring them to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> and requested him to write letters introducing Saul to the leaders of the Jewish synagogues in Damascus. The letters asked them to give Saul power to seize any man or woman who followed the way that Jesus had taught, and to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem so that the Jewish leaders could judge and punish them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> And as he was traveling, it happened that he came near to Damascus, and suddenly there shone on him a light from heaven;

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> While Saul and those with him were traveling, they were approaching Damascus. Suddenly a brilliant light from heaven shone around Saul.

**As Saul neared Damascus, what did he see?**

As Saul neared Damascus, he saw a light out of heaven.

**Acts 9:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> and he fell to the ground {and} heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Immediately he fell down to the ground. Then he heard the voice of someone say to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you trying to hurt me?"

**What did the voice say to Saul?**

The voice said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me".

**Acts 9:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he {said}: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Saul asked him, "Lord, who are you?" He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are hurting.

**When Saul asked who was speaking to him, what was the answer?**

The answer was, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting".

**Acts 9:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> but get up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what it is necessary for you to do."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Now stand up and go into the city! Someone there will tell you what I want you to do."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> But the men who are travelling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with Saul were so astonished that they could not say anything. They just stood there. They heard the Lord speak, but they did not see anyone.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Saul rose up from the ground, but his eyes being opened, he was seeing nothing, but leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could not see anything. So the men with him took him by the hand and led him into Damascus.

**When Saul arose from the ground, what had happened to him?**

When Saul arose, he could see nothing.

**Acts 9:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> For the next three days Saul could not see anything, and he did not eat or drink anything.

**Where did Saul then go and what did he do?**

Saul went to Damascus and did not eat or drink for three days.

**Acts 9:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" And he said, "Behold, I {am here}, Lord."

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a follower of Jesus named Ananias. The Lord Jesus made him see a vision and said to him, "Ananias!" He replied, "Lord, I am listening."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord {said} to him: "Having risen up, go to the street which is called Straight, and at the house of Judas, seek a man named Saul, from Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord Jesus told him, "Go to Straight Street to the house that belongs to Judas. Ask someone there if you can talk to a man named Saul of Tarsus, because he is praying to me at this moment.

**What did the Lord tell Ananias to do? (vv11-12)**

The Lord told Ananias to go and lay hands on Saul, so that Saul would receive his sight.

**Acts 9:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so that he might see again."

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Saul has seen a vision in which a man named Ananias entered the house where he was staying and put his hands on him in order that he might see again."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Ananias answered, "But Lord, many people have told me about this man! He has done many evil things to the people in Jerusalem who believe in you!"

**What concern did Ananias express to the Lord? (vv13-14)**

Ananias was concerned because he knew Saul had come to Damascus to arrest everyone who called upon the Lord's name.

**Acts 9:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon your name."

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> The chief priests have given him power to come here to Damascus in order to arrest all those who believe in you!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this one is a chosen instrument of mine who will carry my name before the Gentiles, and also kings, and the sons of Israel;

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord Jesus told Ananias, "Go to Saul! Do what I say, because I have chosen him to serve me in order that he might speak about me to non-Jewish people and their kings and to the Israelite people.

**What mission did the Lord say he had for Saul as his chosen instrument?**

The Lord said Saul would carry the Lord's name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

**Acts 9:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> for I will show him how much it is necessary for him to suffer for my name.”

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> I myself will tell him that he must often suffer in order to tell people about me.”

**Did the Lord say Saul’s mission would be easy or difficult?**

The Lord said that Saul would suffer greatly for the cause of the Lord’s name.

**Acts 9:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And Ananias departed, and entered into the house. And having laid {his} hands on him, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road on which you were going—so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went, and after he found the house where Saul was, he entered it. Then, as soon as he met Saul, he put his hands on him, and he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus himself commanded me to come to you. He is the same one who appeared to you while you were traveling along the road to Damascus. He sent me to you in order that you might see again and that you might be completely controlled by the Holy Spirit.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And immediately {something} like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again, and rising up, he was baptized;

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Instantly, things like fish scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he was able to see again. Then he stood up and was baptized.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> and having taken food, he was strengthened. And he stayed with the disciples in Damascus certain days.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> After Saul ate some food, he became strong again. Saul stayed with the other believers in Damascus for several days.

**After Ananias laid hands on Saul, what happened?**

After Ananias laid hands on Saul, Saul received his sight, was baptized, and ate.

**Acts 9:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And immediately in the synagogues, he proclaimed Jesus, that this one is the Son of God.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Right away he began to preach about Jesus in the Jewish synagogues. He told them that Jesus is the Son of God.

**What did Saul immediately begin to do?**

Saul immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying that he is the Son of God.

**Acts 9:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And all who were hearing were amazed and were saying, "Is not this the one who destroyed those in Jerusalem who call on this name? And he has come here for this reason, so that having been bound, he might bring them to the chief priests."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> All the people who heard him preach were amazed. Some of them were saying, "We can hardly believe that this is the same man who pursued the believers in Jerusalem and who has come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests in Jerusalem!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But Saul was becoming more powerful and stirring up the Jews who lived in Damascus, proving that Jesus is the Christ.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But God enabled Saul to preach to many people even more convincingly. He was proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah. So the Jewish leaders in Damascus could not think how to disprove what he said.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But when many days were completed, the Jews took counsel together to kill him.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Some time later, the Jewish leaders there plotted to kill him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> But their plot became known to Saul. And indeed they were watching the gates both day and night in order to kill him.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> During each day and night, those Jews were continually watching the people passing through the city gates in order that, when they saw Saul, they might kill him. However, someone told Saul what they planned to do.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 9:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But his disciples, taking him by night, let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> So some of those whom he had led to believe in Jesus took him one night to the high stone wall that surrounded the city. They used ropes to lower him in a large basket through an opening in the wall. In this way he escaped from Damascus.

**When the Jews finally planned to kill Saul, what did he do?**

When the Jews planned to kill him, Saul escaped by being let down through the wall in a basket.

**Acts 9:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he was attempting to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he is a disciple.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with other believers. However, almost all of them continued to be afraid of him because they did not believe that he had become a believer.

**When Saul came to Jerusalem, how did the disciples receive him?**

In Jerusalem, the disciples were afraid of Saul.

**Acts 9:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But taking hold of him, Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord on the road and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He explained to the apostles how, while Saul was traveling along the road to Damascus, he had seen the Lord Jesus and how the Lord had spoken to him there. He also told them how Saul had preached boldly about Jesus to people in Damascus.

**Who then brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus?**

Barnabas brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus.

**Acts 9:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And so he was with them coming in and going out in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> So Saul began to meet with the apostles and other believers throughout Jerusalem, and he spoke boldly to people about the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Also, he was speaking and debating with the Hellenists; but they were trying to kill him.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Saul was also speaking about Jesus with Jews who spoke Greek, and he was debating with them. But they were continually trying to think of a way to kill him.

**What did Saul do in Jerusalem?**

Saul spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 9:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> But when the brothers learned of this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> When the other believers heard that the Jews were planning to kill him, some of them took Saul down to the city of Caesarea. There they put him on a ship going to Tarsus, his hometown.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> Then, the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being built up and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was increasing.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> So the groups of believers throughout the entire regions of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria lived peacefully because no one was persecuting them anymore. The Holy Spirit was strengthening them and encouraging them. They were continuing to honor the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit was enabling many other people to become believers.

**After Saul was sent away to Tarsus, what was the condition of the church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria?**

The church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up, growing in numbers.

**Acts 9:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Now it happened that Peter was going throughout the whole {region} to come down also to the saints who are living in Lydda.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> While Peter was traveling throughout those regions, once he went to the coastal plain to visit the believers who lived in the town of Lydda.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And he found there a certain man named Aeneas, lying in a bed for eight years, who was paralyzed.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> There he met a man whose name was Aeneas. Aeneas had not been able to get up from his bed for eight years because he was paralyzed.

**What happened in Lydda that caused everyone there to turn to the Lord? (vv33-35)**

In Lydda, Peter spoke to a paralyzed man who was healed by Jesus.

**Acts 9:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed," and immediately he arose.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Messiah heals you! Get up and roll up your mat!" Right away Aeneas stood up.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And all who were living in Lydda and in Sharon saw him, who turned to the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> Most of the people who lived in Lydda and on Sharon Plain saw Aeneas after the Lord had healed him, so they believed in the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated to say, "Dorcas." She was full of good works and giving of alms that she did.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> In the town of Joppa there was a believer whose name was Tabitha. Her name in the Greek language was Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds for poor people by giving them things that they needed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And it happened that in those days, having been sick, she died. And having washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> During the time that Peter was in Lydda, she became sick and died. Some women there washed her body according to the Jewish custom. Then they covered her body with cloth and placed it in an upstairs room in her house.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter is in it, sent two men to him, begging him, "Do not delay to come to us."

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> Lydda was near the city of Joppa, so when the disciples heard that Peter was still in Lydda, they sent two men to go to Peter. When they arrived where Peter was, they urged him, "Please come immediately with us to Joppa!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And so having arisen, Peter went with them, whom, having arrived, they brought to the upper room, and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing him coats and garments, as many as Dorcas made while being with them.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> Peter got ready right away and went with them. When he arrived at the house in Joppa, they took him to the upstairs room where Dorcas' body was lying. All the widows there stood around him. They were crying and showing him the tunics and other garments that Dorcas had made for people while she was still alive.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> But Peter, having put out all of them and kneeling down, prayed, and having turned to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." Then she opened her eyes, and having seen Peter, she sat up.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> But Peter sent them all out of the room. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. Then, turning toward her body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up!" Immediately she opened her eyes and, when she saw Peter, she sat up.

**What happened in Joppa that caused many people to believe in the Lord?**

Peter prayed for a dead woman named Tabitha, who was raised back to life.

**Acts 9:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> And having given {his} hand to her, he raised her up; and having called the saints and the widows, he presented her alive.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> He grasped one of her hands and helped her to stand up. After he had summoned the believers and especially the widows among them to come back in, he showed them that she was alive again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And this became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> Soon people everywhere in Joppa knew about that miracle and, as a result, many people believed in the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 9:43**

**ULT**

<sup>43</sup> Now it happened that he stayed many days in Joppa with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa many days with a man named Simon, who made leather from animal skins.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10****Acts 10:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> Now {there was} a certain man in Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion from the regiment that was called 'Italian,'

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> There was a man whose name was Cornelius who lived in the city of Caesarea. He was an officer who commanded 100 men in a large group of Roman soldiers from Italy.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> devout and fearing God with all his household, making many gifts of alms to the people and praying to God through all.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> He always tried to do what would please God; he and his entire household were non-Jews who habitually worshiped God. He sometimes gave money to help poor Jewish people, and he prayed to God regularly.

**What kind of man was Cornelius?**

Cornelius was a devout man who feared God, was generous, and was always praying to God.

**Acts 10:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> About the ninth hour of the day, he clearly saw in a vision as if an angel of God were coming to him and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> One day at about three o'clock in the afternoon, Cornelius saw a vision. He clearly saw an angel whom God had sent. He saw the angel coming into his room and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 10:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But he stared at him and having become terrified, he said, "What is it, sir?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have gone up for a memorial offering before God.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at the angel and became terrified. Then he asked fearfully, "Sir, what do you want?" The angel, who was sent from God, answered him, "You have pleased God because you have been praying regularly to him and you often give money to help poor people. Those things have been like a memorial offering to God.

**What did the angel say had caused God to be reminded about Cornelius?**

The angel said that Cornelius' prayers and gifts to the poor had reminded God about Cornelius.

**Acts 10:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And now, send men to Joppa and summon a certain Simon who is called Peter.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> So now command some men to go to Joppa and tell them to bring back a man named Simon whose other name is Peter.

**What did the angel tell Cornelius to do?**

The angel told Cornelius to send men to Joppa to bring Peter.

**Acts 10:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> He is staying with a certain Simon, a tanner, to whom is a house by the sea."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> He is staying with a man, also named Simon, who makes leather. His house is near the ocean."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And when the angel who spoke to him left, he called two of {his} house servants and a devout soldier of those who served him.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> When the angel who spoke to Cornelius had gone, he summoned two of his household servants and a soldier who served him, one who also worshiped God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And having told them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> He explained to them everything that the angel had said. Then he told them to go to city of Joppa to ask Peter to come to Caesarea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And on the next day at about the sixth hour, as they were traveling and were approaching the city, Peter went up to the housetop to pray.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> About noon the next day, those three men were traveling along the road and were coming near Joppa. As they were approaching Joppa, Peter went up on the flat housetop to pray.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And he became hungry and wanted to eat, but while they were preparing, a vision came upon him,

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat. While some people were preparing the food, Peter saw a vision.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> and he sees the sky having been opened, and a certain container descending like a large sheet, being let down by four corners to the earth,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> He saw the sky open and something like a large sheet descending, being lowered to the ground, with its four corners raised up.

**On the next day, what did Peter see while he was praying and in a trance on the housetop? (vv11-12)**

Peter saw a large sheet filled with all kinds of animals, things that crawled, and birds.

**Acts 10:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> In which were all the four-footed animals and creeping things on the earth, and birds of the sky.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Inside the sheet were all kinds of creatures. These included animals and birds that the Mosaic laws forbade Jews to eat. Some had four feet, others crawled on the ground, and others were wild birds.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And a voice came to him: "Get up, Peter, kill and eat."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Then he heard God say to him, "Peter, stand up, kill some of these and eat them!"

**As Peter saw the vision, what did a voice say to him?**

A voice said to Peter, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat".

**Acts 10:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "Not at all, Lord; for I have never eaten anything defiled and unclean."

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter replied, "Lord, surely you do not really want me to do that, since I have never eaten anything that our Jewish law says is unacceptable to you or something that we must not eat!"

**What was Peter's response to the voice?**

Peter refused, saying he had never eaten anything defiled and unclean.

**Acts 10:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And the voice to him again a second {time}: "What God has cleansed, you must not make unclean."

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Then Peter heard God talk to him a second time. He said, "I am God, so if I have made something acceptable to eat, do not say that it is not acceptable to eat!"

**What did the voice say to Peter after this?**

The voice said, "What God has cleansed, do not call it defiled".

**Acts 10:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And this happened for three times, and the container was immediately taken back up to the sky.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> This happened three times. Immediately after that, the sheet with the animals and birds was then pulled back into the sky.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And while Peter was very confused in himself about what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius stood before the gate, having found by inquiry the house of Simon.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> While Peter was trying to understand what that vision meant, the men who had been sent by Cornelius arrived. They asked people how to get to Simon's house. So they found his house and were standing outside the gate.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And they called out, asking if Simon, who was called Peter, was being shown hospitality there.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> They called and asked if a man named Simon, whose other name was Peter, was staying there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And while Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was still trying to understand what the vision meant, God's Spirit said to him, "Listen! Three men are here who want to see you.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But having arisen, go down and go with them. Do not hesitate, because I have sent them."

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> So get up and go downstairs and go with them! Do not think that you should not go with them, because I have sent them here!"

**What did the Spirit tell Peter to do when the men from Cornelius arrived at the house?**

The Spirit told Peter to go down and go with them.

**Acts 10:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And so having gone down to the men, Peter said, "Behold, I am he whom you are seeking. What {is} the reason for which you are present?"

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> So Peter went down to the men and said to them, "Greetings! I am the man you are looking for. Why have you come?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a man righteous and fearing God, and well-testified to by the whole nation of the Jews, was instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear a word from you."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> They replied, "Cornelius, who is a Roman army officer, sent us here. He is a good man who worships God, and all of the Jewish people who know about him say that he is a very good man. An angel said to him, 'Tell some men to go to Joppa to see Simon Peter and bring him here so that you can hear what he has to say.'"

**What did the men from Cornelius expect Peter to come and do in Cornelius' house?**

The men from Cornelius expected Peter to come and give a message in Cornelius' house.

**Acts 10:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> Therefore, having invited them in, he hosted them. And the next day, having arisen, he went with them, and some of the brothers who {were} from Joppa accompanied him.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So Peter invited them into the house and told them that they should stay there that night. The next day Peter got ready and went with the men. Several of the believers from Joppa also went with him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And the following day, they came to Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> The day after that, they arrived in the city of Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them. He had also invited his relatives and close friends to come, so they were there in his house too.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And it happened that as Peter entered, Cornelius met him, {and} falling down at {his} feet, he worshiped him.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> When Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and bowed low in front of him to worship him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Get up! I too am a man myself."

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> But Peter grasped Cornelius by the hand and lifted him to his feet. He said, "Stand up! Do not bow down and worship me! I myself am only human, like you!"

**What did Peter say when Cornelius bowed down at Peter's feet?**

Peter told Cornelius to stand up, for he was only a man.

**Acts 10:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And while he was talking with him, he went in and finds many people gathered together.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> While he was talking to Cornelius, Peter and the others entered the house and saw that many people had gathered together there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And he was saying to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to associate with or to visit a foreigner, but God has shown me not to call a man defiled or unclean.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter said to them, "You all know that any of us Jews think we are disobeying our Jewish laws if we associate with those who are descendants of non-Jewish parents or if we even visit in their homes. However, God has shown me in a vision that I should not say anyone is so defiled and unclean that God would not accept him.

**What was Peter doing that was previously not allowed for Jews, and why was he now doing it?**

Peter was associating with people from another nation, because God had shown him that he should not call any man defiled or unclean.



**Acts 10:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And that is why I came without arguing when I was summoned. Therefore, I ask you, for what reason did you summon me?"

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> So when you sent some men to ask me to come here, I came right away without objection. So, please tell me, why have you asked me to come here?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, "Four days ago at this very hour, I was praying at the ninth hour in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius replied, "About this time three days ago, I was praying to God in my house, as I regularly do at three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly a man whose clothes shone brightly stood in front of me

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And he said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer. He has also noticed that you have often given money to help poor people, and he is pleased with that.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Therefore, send to Joppa and summon Simon who is called Peter. He is staying in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' <sup>[2]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> So now, send messengers to go to the city of Joppa in order to ask Simon, whose other name is Peter, to come here. He is staying near the ocean in a house that belongs to another man named Simon, who makes leather.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> So immediately I sent for you, and you did well in coming. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear everything that you have been instructed by the Lord." <sup>[3]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> So I immediately sent some men who asked you to come here, and I certainly thank you for coming. Now we all are gathered here, knowing that God is with us, in order to hear all the things that the Lord God has commanded you to say. So please speak to us."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And Peter opened {his} mouth {and} said, "In truth, I perceive that God is not one who shows partiality.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter began to speak to them. He said, "Now I understand that it is true that God does not favor only certain groups of people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> Instead, in every nation the one who fears him and works righteous deeds is acceptable to him.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> Instead, from every people group he accepts everyone who honors him and who does what pleases him.

**Who did Peter say is acceptable to God?**

Peter said that anyone who fears God and does righteous deeds is acceptable to God.

**Acts 10:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> The word that he sent to the sons of Israel, proclaiming the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)—

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> You know the message that God sent to us Israelites. He proclaimed to us the good news that he would cause people to have peace with him because of what Jesus the Messiah has done. This Jesus is not Lord only over us Israelites. He is also the Lord who rules over all people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> you know the word which happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism that John proclaimed;

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> You know what he did throughout the land of Judea, beginning in Galilee. He began to do those things after John had been proclaiming to people that they should turn away from their sinful behavior before he baptized them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> Jesus who {is} from Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> You know that God gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus, the man from the town of Nazareth, and gave him the power to do miracles. You also know how Jesus went to many places, always doing good deeds and healing people. He was healing all the people whom the devil was causing to suffer. Jesus was able to do those things because God was always helping him."

**What message about Jesus had the people in Cornelius' house already heard?**

The people had already heard that Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power, and that he had healed all who were oppressed, for God was with him.

**Acts 10:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And we {are} witnesses of all that he did, both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also killed him by hanging him on a tree.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> "We all saw the things Jesus did in Jerusalem and around every part of the country of Israel where he lived. His enemies killed him by nailing him to a wooden cross.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> God raised up this one on the third day and caused him to be seen,

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> Then God raised him back to life on the third day after he died, and he made sure that many people would see him alive after he was brought back to life. People were sure it was him who had died, and now they saw with their own eyes, and were fully convinced, that he was alive again.

**What did Peter announce had happened to Jesus after his death, and how did Peter know this? (vv40-41)**

Peter announced that God had raised up Jesus on the third day, and that Peter had eaten with Jesus after his resurrection.

**Acts 10:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> not by all the people, but by the witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> At that time God did not let everyone see him, only those he selected to spend time with him and to eat a meal together in those first days just after God raised him back to life.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to proclaim to the people and to testify that he is the one who has been chosen by God as a Judge of the living and the dead.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> God commanded us to preach to the people and he told us to tell them that he appointed Jesus to be the judge of everyone one day, a day that is sure to come. He will judge all those who will still be living and all those who have died before that time.

**What did Peter say Jesus had commanded them to preach to the people?**

Jesus had commanded them to preach that Jesus had been chosen by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead.

**Acts 10:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> To this one, all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him shall receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets who wrote about him long ago told the people about him. They wrote that if anyone believed in him, God could forgive whatever sins they have done, because of what this man, Jesus, had done for them.”

**What did Peter say everyone would receive who believes in Jesus?**

Peter said that everyone who believes in Jesus would receive the forgiveness of sins.

**Acts 10:44****ULT**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who were listening to {his} word.

**UST**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking those words, suddenly the Holy Spirit came down on all those people from other nations who were listening to the message.

**What happened to the people who were listening to Peter while Peter was still speaking?**

The Holy Spirit fell on all those who were listening to Peter.

**Acts 10:45****ULT**

<sup>45</sup> And the faithful from the circumcision—all who had come with Peter—were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.

**UST**

<sup>45</sup> The Jewish believers who had come with Peter from Joppa were amazed that God had generously given the Holy Spirit to people from all different nations too.

**Why were the believers who belonged to the circumcision group amazed?**

The believers who belonged to the circumcision group were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.

**Acts 10:46****ULT**

<sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking with tongues and praising God. Then Peter answered,

**UST**

<sup>46</sup> The Jewish believers knew that God had done that because they were hearing those people speaking languages that they had not learned and telling how great God is. Then Peter said

**What were the people doing which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them?**

The people were speaking in other languages and praising God which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them.

**Acts 10:47****ULT**

<sup>47</sup> “No one is able to withhold water, is he, that these are not baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as we also {did}?”

**UST**

<sup>47</sup> to the other Jewish believers who were there, “God has given them the Holy Spirit just like he gave him to us Jewish believers, so surely all of you would agree that we should baptize these people!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 10:48****ULT**

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for several days.

10:19 <sup>[1]</sup> or

10:32 <sup>[2]</sup>

10:33 <sup>[3]</sup> some ancient copies read

**UST**

<sup>48</sup> Then Peter told those non-Jewish people that they should be baptized as believers in Jesus the Messiah. So they baptized all of them. After they were baptized, they requested that Peter stay with them several days. So Peter and the other Jewish believers did that.

**After seeing that the people had received the Holy Spirit, what did Peter command be done with them?**

Peter commanded that the people be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Acts 11****Acts 11:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> The apostles and other believers who lived in various towns in the province of Judea heard people say that some non-Jewish people had also believed the message of God about Jesus.

**What news did the apostles and brothers in Judea hear?**

The apostles and brothers in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

**Acts 11:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those from the circumcision disputed with him;

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> But there were some Jewish believers in Jerusalem who wanted all followers of the Messiah to be circumcized. When Peter returned from Caesarea to Jerusalem, they met with him and criticized him.

**What criticism against Peter did those of the circumcision group in Jerusalem have? (vv2-3)**

Those in the circumcision group criticized Peter for eating with the Gentiles.

**Acts 11:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> they said, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> They said to him, "Not only was it wrong for you to visit in the homes of uncircumcized non-Jews, you even ate with them!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 11:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But Peter began to explain to them in an orderly manner, saying,

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> So Peter began to explain exactly what had happened.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> "I was praying in the city of Joppa, and I saw in a trance a vision of a certain container coming down, like a large sheet being let down from the sky by {its} four corners, and it came as far as me.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> He said, "I was praying by myself in the city of Joppa, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw that something like a large sheet was being lowered from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> Gazing at it, I looked closely and saw the four-legged animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping animals, and the birds of the sky.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> As I was looking intently into it, I saw some tame animals and also some wild animals, reptiles, and wild birds.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> Then I also heard a voice saying to me, "Having arisen, Peter; kill and eat!"

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Then I heard God commanding me, 'Peter, get up, kill and eat them!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> But I said, "By no means, Lord; for the profane or unclean has never entered into my mouth."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'Lord, you surely do not really want me to do that, because I have never eaten anything that our laws say that we must not eat!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But the voice answered for a second {time} from heaven, "What God has cleansed, you must not make unclean."

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> God spoke from heaven to me a second time, 'I am God, so if I have made something acceptable to eat, do not say it is unacceptable.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And this happened three times, and then everything was pulled back up to the sky again.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> This same thing happened two more times, and then the sheet with all those animals and birds was pulled up into heaven again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And behold, right away three men stood at the house in which we were, having been sent from Caesarea to me.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> At that exact moment, three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where I was staying.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, not making any distinction. And these six brothers also went with me, and we entered into the house of the man.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> God's Spirit told me that I should not hesitate to go with them even though they were not Jews. Six Jewish believers also went with me to Caesarea, and then we went into that non-Jewish man's house.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Then he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is called Peter.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> He told us that he had seen an angel standing in his house. The angel told him, 'Tell some men to go to Joppa and bring back Simon whose other name is Peter.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> He will speak to you a word by which you will be saved—you and all your household."

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> He will tell you how you and everyone else in your house will be saved.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them, just as also on us in the beginning.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> As I started to speak, the Holy Spirit suddenly came down on them, just like he had first come on us during the Pentecost festival.

**What evidence did Peter present to demonstrate that God had accepted the Gentiles?**

Peter presented the fact that the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentiles.

**Acts 11:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, "John baptized with water; but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit."

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized you with water, but God will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> If, therefore, God gave to them the same gift as also to us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, able to oppose God?"

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> God gave those non-Jews the same Holy Spirit that he had given to us after we had believed in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. So I could not possibly tell God that he did wrong when he gave them the Holy Spirit!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And when they heard these things, they became quiet and glorified God, saying, "Then God has given repentance unto life to the Gentiles also."

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> After those Jewish believers heard what Peter said, they stopped criticizing him. Instead, they praised God, saying, "Then it is clear to us that God has also accepted the non-Jews so that they will have eternal life, if they turn from their sinful behavior."

**What was the conclusion of those in the circumcision group when they heard Peter's explanation?**

They praised God and concluded that God had given repentance for life to the Gentiles also.

**Acts 11:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Then those who had been scattered from the persecution that happened over Stephen spread as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except only to Jews.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> After Stephen died, many of the believers left Jerusalem and went to other places because they were suffering there in Jerusalem. Some of them went to Phoenicia, some went to the Island of Cyprus, and others went to Antioch, a city in Syria. In those places they were continually telling people the message about Jesus, but they told only other Jewish people.

**What did most of the believers who were scattered after Stephen's death do?**

Most of the scattered believers told the message about Jesus only to Jews.

**Acts 11:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But there were some from them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch {and} spoke also to the Greeks, proclaiming the gospel—the Lord Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Some of the believers were men from the Island of Cyprus and Cyrene city in north Africa. They went to Antioch and were also telling non-Jewish people about the Lord Jesus.

**What happened when some of the scattered believers preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks? (vv20-21)**

When they preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks, a great number believed.

**Acts 11:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> The Lord God was powerfully enabling those believers to preach effectively. As a result, very many non-Jewish people believed their message and trusted in the Lord.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And the report about them came to the ears of the church that was in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas as far as Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> The group of believers in Jerusalem heard people say that many people in Antioch were believing in Jesus. So the leaders of the believers in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch.

**What did Barnabas from Jerusalem tell the believing Greeks in Antioch? (vv22-23)**

Barnabas encouraged the Greeks to remain with the Lord with all their heart.

**Acts 11:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace that {is} of God, he was glad and exhorted them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> When he got there, he realized that God had acted kindly toward the believers. So he was very happy, and he was encouraging all of the believers to continue to trust completely in the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> For he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and a considerable crowd was added to the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Barnabas was a good man whom the Holy Spirit completely controlled, one who trusted God completely. Because of what Barnabas did, many people there believed in the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And he went out to Tarsus to search for Saul.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus city in Cilicia to look for Saul.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So indeed it happened that for an entire year they were gathered together with the church and taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> After he found him, Barnabas brought him back to Antioch to help teach the believers. So, during a whole year, Barnabas and Saul met regularly with the church there and taught large numbers of people about Jesus. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

**Who spent an entire year at the church in Antioch?**

Barnabas and Saul spent an entire year at the church in Antioch.

**What name did the disciples first receive in Antioch?**

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

**Acts 11:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> During the time that Barnabas and Saul were at Antioch, some believers who were prophets arrived there from Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 11:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And one from them, named Agabus, arose {and} indicated by the Spirit that a great famine was about to occur over the whole world. This happened in the days of Claudius.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> One of them, whose name was Agabus, stood up in order to speak. God's Spirit enabled him to prophesy that there would soon be a famine in many countries. (This famine happened when Claudius was the Roman emperor.)

**What did Agabus the prophet predict would happen?**

Agabus predicted that a great famine would occur over all the world.

**Acts 11:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> So, the disciples, just as anyone prospered, each of them decided to send to the service to the brothers living in Judea,

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> When the believers there heard what Agabus said, they decided that they would send money to help the believers who lived in Judea. Each of them decided to give as much money as he was able to give.

**How did the disciples respond to Agabus' prophecy? (vv29-30)**

The disciples sent help to the brothers in Judea by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.



## Acts 11:30

### ULT

<sup>30</sup> which they also did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### UST

<sup>30</sup> They sent the money with Barnabas and Saul to the leaders of the believers in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 12

### Acts 12:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now about that time, Herod the king laid hands on some of those from the church to harm them.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> It was about this time that King Herod Agrippa sent soldiers to arrest some of the leaders of the group of believers in Jerusalem. The soldiers put them in prison. The king did that because he wanted to make the believers suffer.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 12:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He commanded a soldier to cut off the head of the apostle James, the older brother of the apostle John, so the soldier did that.

### What did Herod the king do to James the brother of John?

Herod the king killed James the brother of John with the sword.

### Acts 12:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And when he saw that this is pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. And those were the days of unleavened bread.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> When Herod realized that he had pleased the leaders of the Jewish people, he commanded soldiers to arrest Peter too. This happened during the festival when the Jewish people ate bread without yeast.

### What did Herod the king do to Peter? (vv3-4)

Herod arrested and put Peter in prison, intending to bring him to the people after the Passover.

**Acts 12:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And having arrested him, he put him in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him; he was intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> After they arrested Peter, they put him in prison. They commanded four groups of soldiers to guard Peter. Each group had four soldiers. Herod wanted to bring Peter out of prison and judge him in front of the Jewish people after the Passover Festival was finished. He then planned to execute Peter.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer was being made earnestly to God for him by the church.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> So for several days Peter stayed in prison. But the other believers in their group in Jerusalem were praying earnestly to God that he would help Peter.

**What was the assembly doing for Peter?**

The assembly was earnestly praying for Peter.

**Acts 12:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And when Herod was going to bring him out for trial, that night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards before the door were keeping watch over the prison.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> The night before Herod planned to bring Peter out from prison to have him executed publicly, Peter was sleeping in the prison between two soldiers, with two chains binding him. Two other soldiers were guarding the prison doors.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord appeared by him, and a light shone in the prison cell. And he struck Peter on the side {and} woke him, saying, "Get up in haste," and his chains fell away from {his} hands.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Suddenly, an angel from the Lord God stood beside Peter, and a bright light shone in his cell. The angel poked Peter in the side and woke him up and said, "Get up quickly!" While Peter was getting up, the chains fell off from his wrists. However, the soldiers were not aware of what was happening.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and put on your sandals." So he did thus. And he said to him, "Put on your outer garment and follow me."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, "Fasten your belt around you and put on your sandals!" So Peter did that. Then the angel told him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And going out, he followed him, but he did not know that what is being done by the angel is real, but he thought he is seeing a vision.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> So Peter put on his cloak and sandals and followed the angel out of the prison cell, but he had no idea that all this was really happening. He thought that he was dreaming.

**How did Peter get past the first and second guard and out of the gate of the prison?  
(vv9-10)**

Peter followed an angel past the guards, and then the gate opened by itself.

**Acts 12:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But when they had passed by the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate that led into the city; it opened for them by itself. And having gone out, they went down a street, and right away the angel went away from him.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Peter and the angel walked by the soldiers who were guarding the two doors, but the soldiers did not see them. Then they came to the iron gate that led into the city. The gate opened by itself, and Peter and the angel walked out of the prison. After they had walked some distance along one street, the angel suddenly disappeared.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I truly know that the Lord has sent his angel and delivered me from the hand of Herod, and from all the expectations of the Jewish people."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Then Peter finally realized that what had happened to him was not a vision, but that it had really happened. So he thought, "Now I really know that the Lord God sent an angel to help me. He rescued me from what Herod planned to do to me and also from all the things that the Jewish leaders expected would happen."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And having realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was called Mark, where many people were gathered together and are praying.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter realized that God had rescued him, he went to Mary's house. She was the mother of John, whose other name was Mark. Many believers had assembled there, and they were praying that God would help Peter somehow.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> When Peter knocked at the outer entrance, a servant girl named Rhoda came to find out who was outside the door.

**When Peter arrived at the house where the believers were praying, who answered the door and what did she do? (vv13-14)**

A servant girl Rhoda answered the door and reported that Peter was standing at the door, but she did not open the door.

**Acts 12:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And when she recognized the voice of Peter, from joy she did not open the gate; instead, running inside, she reported, "Peter stands at the gate!"

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> When Peter answered her, she recognized his voice, but she was so happy and excited that she did not open the door! Instead, she ran back into the house. She announced to the other believers that Peter was standing outside the door.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But they said to her, "You are insane." But she insisted that it was thus. So they said, "It is his angel."

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> But one of them said to her, "You are crazy!" But she continued saying that it was really true. They kept saying, "No, it cannot be Peter. It is probably his angel."

**How did the believers first react to her report?**

At first they thought Rhoda was insane.

**Acts 12:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking, and opening, they saw him and were amazed.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking on the door. So when someone finally opened the door, they saw that it was Peter, and they were completely amazed!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And after motioning to them with {his} hand to be silent, he reported to them how the Lord had led him from the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brothers." And having gone out, he went to another place.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet. Then he told them exactly how the Lord God had led him out of the prison. He also said, "Tell James, the leader of our group, and our other fellow believers what has happened." Then Peter left and went away somewhere else.

**After telling the believers what had happened to him, what did Peter tell them to do?**

Peter told them to report these things to James and the brothers.

**Acts 12:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> Now when it became day, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers over what then had happened to Peter.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The next morning the soldiers who had been guarding Peter became terribly upset because they did not know what had happened to him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And Herod, having searched for him and not having found him, questioned the guards {and} ordered them to be put to death. And having gone down from Judea to Caesarea, he stayed there.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Then Herod heard about it. So he commanded soldiers to search for Peter, but they did not find him. Then he questioned the soldiers who had been guarding Peter and commanded them to be led away to be executed. Afterwards, Herod went from the province of Judea down to the city of Caesarea, where he stayed for some time.

**What happened to the men that had been guarding Peter?**

Herod questioned the guards and then had them put to death.

**Acts 12:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> Now he was very angry with Tyre and Sidon. So they went to him together, and having persuaded Blastus, the one in charge of the bedchamber of the king, they asked for peace, because their food for {their} country was from the king's country.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> King Herod had been furiously angry with the people who lived in the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Then one day some men who represented them came together to the city of Caesarea in order to meet with Herod. They persuaded Blastus, who was one of Herod's important officials, to tell Herod that the people in their cities wanted to make peace with him. They wanted to be able to trade with the people that Herod ruled, because they needed to buy food from those regions.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 12:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And on a set day, Herod clothed himself in royal clothing, and sitting on the throne, he made a speech to them.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> On the day that Herod had planned to meet with them, he put on very expensive clothes that showed that he was king. Then he sat on his throne and formally addressed all the people who had gathered there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 12:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But the people shouted, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!"

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Those who were listening to him shouted repeatedly, "This man who is speaking is a god, not a man!"

**What did the people shout as Herod gave his speech?**

The people shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man"!

**Acts 12:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give the glory to God; and becoming worm-eaten, he died.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Herod let the people praise him instead of praising God. So, immediately, an angel from the Lord God caused Herod to become seriously ill. Many worms ate his intestines. Soon he died very painfully.

**What happened to Herod after his speech, and why?**

Because Herod did not give glory to God, an angel struck him and he was eaten by worms and died.

**Acts 12:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and was multiplied.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> The believers continued telling God's message to people in many places, and the number of people who believed in Jesus was continually increasing.

**What was happening with the word of God during this time?**

The word of God grew and multiplied during this time.

**Acts 12:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, <sup>[1]</sup> having completed {their} service, having brought with them John, who was called Mark.

12:25 <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> When Barnabas and Saul finished delivering the money to help the Jewish believers in the province of Judea, they left Jerusalem and returned to the city of Antioch, in the province of Syria. They took John, whose other name was Mark, with them.

**Who did Barnabas and Saul take with them?**

Barnabas and Saul took John Mark with them.

## Acts 13

### Acts 13:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now there were in Antioch, in the church that was {there}, prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon (who is called Niger), and Lucius the Cyrenaeen, both Manaen (one brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Among the group of believers in Antioch in the province of Syria there were prophets and those who taught people about Jesus. They were: Barnabas; Simeon, who was also called Niger; Lucius, who was from Cyrene; Manaen, who had grown up with King Herod Antipas; and Saul.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 13:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And while they are ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart, then, for me, Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said to them, "Choose Barnabas and Saul to serve me and to go and do the work that I have chosen them to do!"

### What was the assembly in Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them?

The assembly in Antioch was worshiping the Lord and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them.

### What did the Holy Spirit tell them to do?

The Holy Spirit told them to set apart Barnabas and Saul to do the work to which the Spirit was calling them.

### Acts 13:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> Then having fasted and prayed and laid {their} hands on them, they sent them off.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> So they continued to fast and pray. Then they put their hands on Barnabas and Saul and prayed that God would help them. Then they sent them off to do what the Holy Spirit had commanded.

### What did the assembly do after hearing from the Holy Spirit?

The assembly fasted, prayed, laid hands on Barnabas and Saul, and sent them off.

**Acts 13:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> So they, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed away to Cyprus.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The Holy Spirit gave Barnabas and Saul instructions about where to go. So they went down from Antioch to the city of Seleucia by the sea. From there they went by ship to the city of Salamis on the Island of Cyprus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And having arrived in Salamis, they were proclaiming the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John as an assistant.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> While they were in Salamis, they went to the Jewish meeting places. There they proclaimed the message from God about Jesus. John Mark went with them and was helping them.

**When Barnabas and Saul went to Cyprus, who also was with them?**

In Cyprus, John Mark was with them as their assistant.

**Acts 13:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And having passed through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain man, a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name {was} Bar Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> The three of them went across the entire island to the city of Paphos. There they met a magician whose name was Bar Jesus. He was a Jew who falsely claimed to be a prophet.

**Who was Bar-Jesus? (vv6-7)**

Bar-Jesus was a Jewish false prophet who associated with the proconsul.

**Acts 13:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus—an intelligent man. He summoned Barnabas and Saul, seeking to hear the word of God.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> He was with the governor of the island, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. The governor sent someone to ask Barnabas and Saul to come to him because he wanted to hear the word of God.

**Why did the proconsul summon Barnabas and Saul?**

The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.

**Acts 13:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> But Elymas “the magician” (for thus his name is translated) opposed them; he sought to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> However, the magician, whose name is translated Elymas in the Greek language, tried to stop them. He repeatedly tried to persuade the governor not to believe in Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But Saul, who {is} also Paul, having been filled with the Holy Spirit, stared at him intently

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Saul now called himself Paul. The Holy Spirit caused Paul to look intently at the magician. Paul said,

**What was another name by which Saul was known?**

Saul was also known as Paul.

**Acts 13:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> {and} said, "O one full of all deceit and all wickedness, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the straight paths of the Lord?"

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> "You are serving the devil, and you try to stop everything that is good! You are always lying to people and doing other evil things to them. You must stop saying that the truth about the Lord God is false!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And now behold, the hand of the Lord upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and darkness fell on Elymas, and he is going around seeking one to lead him by the hand.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Right now the Lord God is going to punish you! You will become blind and you will not be able to see the sun for a while." At once he became blind, as though he were in a dark mist, and he groped about, searching for someone to hold him by the hand and lead him.

**What did Paul say would happen to Bar-Jesus because he tried to turn the proconsul against the faith?**

Paul told Bar-Jesus that he would be blind for a time.

**Acts 13:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Then having seen what had happened, the proconsul believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When the governor saw what had happened to Elymas, he believed in Jesus. He was amazed by what Paul and Barnabas were teaching about the Lord Jesus.

**How did the proconsul react when he saw what happened to Bar-Jesus?**

The proconsul believed.

**Acts 13:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Now having set sail from Paphos, those around Paul came to Perga in Pamphylia. But John, withdrawing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> After that, Paul and the men with him went by ship from Paphos to the city of Perga in the province of Pamphylia. At Perga, John Mark left them and returned to his home in Jerusalem.

**What did John Mark do when Paul and his friends set sail to Perga?**

John Mark left Paul and his friends and returned to Jerusalem.

**Acts 13:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But they having passed through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia, and having gone into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, they sat down.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas traveled by land from Perga and arrived in the city of Antioch in the district of Pisidia in the province of Galatia. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men, brothers, if there is among you any word of exhortation for the people, speak it."

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Someone read aloud from what Moses had written in the books of the law. Next someone read from what the prophets had written. Then the leaders of the Jewish meeting place sent a message to Paul and Barnabas: "Fellow Jews, if one of you wants to speak to the people here to encourage them, please speak to us now."

**Where in Antioch of Pisidia was Paul asked to speak?**

In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul was asked to speak in the Jewish synagogue.

**Acts 13:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> So having arisen and motioned with {his} hand, Paul said, "Men, Israelites and ones who fear God, listen.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up and motioned with his hand so that the people would listen to him. Then he said, "Fellow Israelites and you non-Jewish people who also worship God, please listen to me!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and exalted the people when they stayed in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he led them from it.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> God, whom we Israelites worship, chose our ancestors to be his people, and he caused them to become very numerous while they were foreigners living in Egypt. Then God did powerful things in order to lead them out of slavery.

**In Paul's speech, who does Paul say God chose in the past?**

In Paul's speech, Paul said that God chose Israel.

**Acts 13:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And for a time of about 40 years, he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Even though they repeatedly disobeyed him, he endured their behavior for about forty years while they were in the wilderness.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 13:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> He enabled the Israelites to conquer seven people groups who were then living in the region of Canaan, and he gave their land to the Israelites to possess forever.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And about 450 years after these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> All of these things happened about 450 years after their ancestors had gone to Egypt." "After that, God chose people to serve as judges and as leaders to rule the Israelite people. Those leaders continued to rule our people, and the prophet Samuel was the last judge to rule them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul, son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, for 40 years.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then, while Samuel was still their leader, the people demanded that he choose a king to rule them. So God chose Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin, to be their king. He ruled them for 40 years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And having removed him, he raised up David for them as {their} king, to whom having testified, he also said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man according to my heart, who will do all my will.'

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> After God had rejected Saul from being king, he chose David to be their king. God said about him, 'I have seen that David, son of Jesse, is exactly the kind of man who desires what I desire. He will do everything that I want him to do.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> From the descendants of this one according to promise, God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> "From among David's descendants, God brought one of them, Jesus, to us Israelite people to save us, just as he had promised David and our other ancestors that he would do.

**From whom did God bring Israel a Savior?**

From King David God brought Israel a Savior.

**Acts 13:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> John announced beforehand, before the face of his coming, a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Before Jesus began his work, John the Baptizer preached to all of our Israelite people who came to him. He told them that they should turn away from their sinful behavior and ask God to forgive them. Then he would baptize them.

**Who did Paul say had prepared the way for the coming Savior? (vv24-25)**

Paul said that John the Baptist had prepared the way for the coming Savior.

**Acts 13:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And as John was completing {his} work, he was saying, 'Who do you think I am? I am not him. But behold, one is coming after me, of whom the sandals of {his} feet I am not worthy to untie.'

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> When John was about to finish the work that God gave him to do, he was saying, 'Do you think that I am the Messiah whom God promised to send? No, I am not. But listen! The Messiah will soon come. He is so much greater than I am that I am not even important enough to take the sandals off of his feet.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Men, brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us the word about this salvation has been sent.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> "Dear brothers, and all you who are descendants of Abraham, and you non-Jewish people among you who also worship God, please listen! It is to all of us that God has sent the message about how he saves people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For those who are living in Jerusalem, and their rulers, did not recognize this one, and they fulfilled the voices of the prophets that are being read every Sabbath, condemning him.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> The people living in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus. They did not understand the messages of their own prophets even though they heard the prophets read aloud to them every Sabbath. What the prophets predicted long ago was made true when they condemned Jesus to death.

**How did the people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfill the prophets' messages?**

The people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfilled the prophets' messages by condemning Jesus to death.

**Acts 13:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And though they found no reason for death, they asked Pilate to kill him.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Many people accused Jesus of doing wicked things, but even though they could not prove that he had done anything for which he deserved to die, they asked Pilate, the governor, to condemn Jesus to death.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And when they had completed all that had been written about him, taking him down from the tree, they laid him in a tomb.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> They did to Jesus all the things that the prophets long ago had written that the people would do to him. They killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross. Then his body was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> However, God raised him from the dead.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> He was seen for many days by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> For many days he repeatedly appeared to his followers who had come along with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. Those who saw him are telling the people about him now."

**Who were now Jesus' witnesses to the people?**

The people who saw Jesus after he was raised from the dead were now his witnesses.

**Acts 13:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And we are proclaiming to you the gospel, the promise that was to {our} fathers.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> "Right now we are proclaiming to you this good message. We want to tell you that God has fulfilled what he promised to our Jewish ancestors!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> For God has fulfilled this for our children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have fathered you.'

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Now he has done this for us who are their descendants, and also for you who are not Jews, by making Jesus alive again. That is just like what David wrote in the second Psalm, when God was speaking about sending his Son: 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'

**How had God shown that he had kept his promises made to the Jews?**

God showed that he had kept his promises to the Jews by raising up Jesus from the dead.

**Acts 13:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And that he raised him up from the dead, never to be about to return to decay, he has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy {and} trustworthy {blessings} of David.'

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> God has raised the Messiah from the dead and will never let him die again. God said to our Jewish ancestors, 'I will surely help you, as I promised David that I would do.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> On account of this he also says in another place: 'You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.'

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> In another Psalm of David, he also says about the Messiah: 'You will not allow the body of your holy one to decay.'

**What did God promise to the Holy One in one of the psalms?**

God promised that the Holy One would not see decay.

**Acts 13:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> For indeed, David, having served the counsel of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid with his fathers, and saw decay.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> While David was living, he did what God wanted him to do. And when he died, his body was buried, as his ancestors' bodies had been buried, and his body decayed. So he could not have been speaking about himself in this Psalm.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> But he whom God raised up did not see decay.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> But Jesus was the one God raised from the dead, and his body did not decay.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> So let it be known to you, men, brothers, that because of this, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and {freedom} from everything which you were not able to be justified in the law of Moses. <sup>[2]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> “Therefore, my fellow Israelites and other friends, it is important for you to know that God can forgive you for your sins as a result of what Jesus has done. He will even forgive you for those things that you could not be forgiven for by the laws that Moses wrote.

**What did Paul proclaim for every one who believes in Jesus?**

Paul proclaimed the forgiveness of sins for every one who believes in Jesus.

**Acts 13:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> In this one every one who believes is justified.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> All people who believe in Jesus are no longer guilty of any of the things that they have done that displeased God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> So then be careful that the thing spoken about in the prophets may not happen to you:

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> So then be careful that God does not judge you, as the prophets said that God would do!

**What warning did Paul also give his listeners? (vv40-41)**

Paul warned his listeners not to be like those spoken of in the prophets who hear the announcement of God's work, but do not believe it.

**Acts 13:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> 'Look, you despisers, and be astonished and perish! For I am doing a work in your days, A work that you would never believe, even if someone would announce it to you.'"

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> The prophet wrote that God said, 'You who ridicule me, you will certainly be astonished when you see what I am doing, and then you will be destroyed. You will be astonished because I will do something terrible to you while you are living. You would not believe that I would do that even though someone told you!'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And as they were leaving, they begged them to speak to them these same words on the next Sabbath.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> After Paul finished speaking and were going away, many of the people there asked them to return on the next Sabbath and say these things to them again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 13:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> And when the synagogue meeting had ended, many of the Jews and the worshiping proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> When the meeting was over, many of them began to follow Paul and Barnabas. These people were both Jews and non-Jews who worshiped God. Paul and Barnabas continued talking to them. They were urging them to continue to trust that God kindly forgives people's sins because of what Jesus did.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:44****ULT**

<sup>44</sup> And on the next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath day, most of the people in Antioch came to the Jewish meeting place to hear Paul and Barnabas speak about the Lord Jesus.

**In Antioch, who came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath?**

Almost the whole city came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath.

**Acts 13:45****ULT**

<sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and spoke against the things that were said by Paul, blaspheming.

**UST**

<sup>45</sup> But the leaders of the Jews became extremely jealous when they saw the large crowds of people that were coming to hear Paul and Barnabas. So they began to contradict the things that Paul was saying and also to insult him.

**How did the Jews react when they saw the crowds?**

The Jews were filled with jealousy and spoke against Paul's message, insulting him.

**Acts 13:46****ULT**

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly {and} said, "It was necessary for the word of God first to be spoken to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we will turn to the Gentiles.

**UST**

<sup>46</sup> Then, speaking very boldly, Paul and Barnabas said to those Jewish leaders, "We had to speak the message from God about Jesus to you Jews first before we proclaim it to non-Jews, because God commanded us to do that. But you are rejecting God's message. By doing that, you have shown that you are not worthy of eternal life. Therefore, we are leaving you, and now we will go to the non-Jewish people to tell them the message from God.

**What did Paul say the Jews were doing with the word of God spoken to them?**

Paul said that the Jews were pushing away the word of God spoken to them.

**Acts 13:47****ULT**

<sup>47</sup> For thus has the Lord commanded us: 'I have placed you as a light for the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation as far as the end of the earth.'

**UST**

<sup>47</sup> We are doing this also because the Lord God has commanded us to do it. He said in the Scriptures, 'I have chosen you to reveal things about me to non-Jewish people that will be like a light to them. I have chosen you to tell people everywhere in the world the message that I want to save them.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:48****ULT**

<sup>48</sup> But hearing this, the Gentiles were glad and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

**UST**

<sup>48</sup> When the non-Jewish people heard those words, they began to rejoice, and they gave God praise for the message about Jesus. All of the non-Jewish people whom God had chosen for eternal life believed the message about the Lord Jesus.

**What was the Gentiles' reaction when they heard that Paul was turning to them?**

The Gentiles were glad and praised the word of the Lord.

**How many of the Gentiles believed?**

As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

**Acts 13:49****ULT**

<sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout the whole region.

**UST**

<sup>49</sup> At that time, many of the believers traveled around throughout that region, spreading the message about the Lord Jesus everywhere they went.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 13:50****ULT**

<sup>50</sup> But the Jews stirred up the worshiping, influential women, and the leading men of the city, and a persecution arose against Paul and Barnabas, and they threw them out from their boundaries.

**UST**

<sup>50</sup> However, some leaders of the Jews talked to some important women who worshiped with them. They also talked to the most important men in the city. The Jewish leaders persuaded the non-Jewish city leaders to try to stop Paul and Barnabas. So those non-Jewish people led many citizens against Paul and Barnabas, and they drove them out of their region.

**What did the Jews then do to Paul and Barnabas?**

The Jews stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them out of the city.

**Acts 13:51****ULT**

<sup>51</sup> But when they had shaken off the dust from {their} feet against them, they went to Iconium.

**UST**

<sup>51</sup> As the two apostles were leaving, they shook the dust from their feet to show those leaders that God had rejected them and would punish them. Then they left the city of Antioch and went to the city of Iconium.

**What did Paul and Barnabas do before they went on to the city of Iconium?**

Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust from their feet against those in the city of Antioch who had thrown them out.

**Acts 13:52****ULT**

<sup>52</sup> But the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

13:18 <sup>[1]</sup>

13:38 <sup>[2]</sup> in verse 39.

**UST**

<sup>52</sup> Meanwhile, the joy and power of the Holy Spirit continued to fill the believers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14****Acts 14:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that in Iconium they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews and spoke in such a way so that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish meeting place and spoke very powerfully about the Lord Jesus. As a result, many Jews and also non-Jews believed in Jesus.

**What did the disbelieving Jews in Iconium do after a multitude believed Paul and Barnabas' preaching? (vv1-2)**

The disbelieving Jews stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and made them bitter against the brothers.

**Acts 14:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> But the Jews who were disobedient stirred up and embittered the souls of the Gentiles against the brothers.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> But some of the Jews refused to believe that message. They told the non-Jews not to believe it; they made some of the non-Jews angry toward the believers there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> So they stayed there for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord who is testifying to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> But Paul and Barnabas spent a long time there speaking boldly for the Lord, and the Lord Jesus enabled them to do many miracles. In this way he showed people the truth of the message that, even though we do not deserve it, the Lord saves us.

**How did God give evidence about the message of his grace?**

God gave evidence about the message of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done by the hands of Paul and Barnabas.

**Acts 14:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But the population of the city was divided; and some were with the Jews, but some with the apostles.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The people who lived in Iconium had two different opinions. Some agreed with the Jews. Others agreed with the apostles.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But when an attempt happened of both the Gentiles and the Jews (with their rulers) to mistreat and stone them,

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Then the non-Jewish people and the Jews who opposed Paul and Barnabas talked among themselves about how they could mistreat Paul and Barnabas. Some of the important men in that city agreed to help them. Together, they decided that they would kill Paul and Barnabas by throwing stones at them.

**Why did Paul and Barnabas leave Iconium? (vv5-7)**

Some Gentiles and Jews attempted to persuade their leaders to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas.

**Acts 14:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> having become aware of it, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the surrounding region,

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But Paul and Barnabas heard about their plan, so they quickly went away to the district of Lycaonia. They went to the cities of Lystra and Derbe in that district and to the surrounding area.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> and there they continued to proclaim the gospel.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> While they were in that area, they continually told the people the message about the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And in Lystra a certain man sat, powerless in {his} feet, lame from the womb of his mother, who never had walked.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra, a man was sitting there who was crippled in his legs. When his mother gave birth to him, he had crippled legs, so he was never able to walk.

**What did Paul do that caused an uproar in Lystra? (vv8-10)**

Paul healed a man who was a cripple from birth.

**Acts 14:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> This one heard Paul speaking. He looked intently at him and saw that he has faith to be saved.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> He listened as Paul was speaking about the Lord Jesus. Paul looked directly at him and could see in the man's face that he believed that the Lord Jesus could make him well.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> He said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet," and he jumped up and walked around.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> So with a loud voice, Paul called out to him, "Stand up!" When the man heard that, he immediately jumped up and began to walk around.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods being made like men have come down to us."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they thought that Paul and Barnabas were the gods that they worshiped. So they shouted excitedly in their own Lycaonian language, "Look! The gods have made themselves to look like people and have come down from the sky to help us!"

**What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas? (vv11-13)**

The people wanted to offer sacrifices through the priest of Zeus to Paul and Barnabas.

**Acts 14:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And they were calling Barnabas "Zeus," and Paul "Hermes," because he was the main speaker.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> They began to say that Barnabas was probably the chief god, whose name was Zeus. And they began to say that Paul was Hermes, the messenger for the other gods. They had that thought because Paul was the one who had been speaking.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And the priest of the temple of Zeus, which was in front of the city, brought oxen and wreaths to the gates, wanting to sacrifice with the crowds.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> People worshiped Zeus at a temple just outside the gates of the city. The priest who was there heard what Paul and Barnabas had done, so he came to the city gate, where many people had already gathered. He brought two bulls with wreaths of flowers around their necks. The priest and the crowd of people wanted to kill the bulls as part of a ceremony to worship Paul and Barnabas.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 14:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But when hearing of it, the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, having torn their clothing, rushed out into the crowd, crying out

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard about that, they were very upset, so they tore their own clothes. They rushed among the people, shouting,

**How did Barnabas and Paul respond to what the people wanted to do for them? (vv14-15)**

Barnabas and Paul tore their clothing, went into the crowd, and cried out saying that the people should turn from these useless things to a living God.

**Acts 14:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same feelings as you. We are proclaiming the gospel to you, to turn from these useless things to a living God, who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all that {is} in them.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> "Men, you must not kill those bulls to worship us! We are not gods! We are just human beings with the same feelings as you! We have come to tell you some good news! We have come to tell you about the God who is all-powerful. He wants you to stop worshiping other gods because they cannot help you. This true God made the heavens, the earth, the oceans, and everything in them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> In the generations gone by, he allowed all the nations to go {their} own ways.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> In the past, all of you non-Jewish people worshiped whatever gods that you wanted to worship. God let you worship them because you did not know him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And yet, he did not leave himself without witness; doing good, giving you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness.”

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> But he has shown us that he acts kindly toward us. He is the one who causes it to rain and causes crops to grow. He is the one who gives you plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

**How had God not left himself without witness in the past?**

God had given the nations rain and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness.

**Acts 14:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And even saying these words, they barely restrained the crowds from sacrificing to them.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The people heard what Paul said, but they still thought that they should sacrifice those bulls to worship Paul and Barnabas. But finally, the people decided not to do it.

**What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas?**

The people wanted to offer sacrifices through the priest of Zeus to Paul and Barnabas.

**Acts 14:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and persuaded the crowds. So having stoned Paul, they dragged him out of the city, thinking him to be dead.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> However, some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded many of the people of Lystra that the message Paul had been telling them was not true. The people who believed what those Jews said became angry with Paul. They let the Jews throw stones at him until he fell down, unconscious. They all thought that he was dead, so they dragged him outside the city and left him lying there.

**What did the crowds at Lystra later do to Paul?**

The crowds at Lystra later stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city.

**Acts 14:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But as the disciples surrounded him, arising, he entered into the city, and the next day, he went with Barnabas to Derbe.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> But some of the believers in Lystra came and stood around Paul, where he was lying on the ground. And Paul became conscious! He stood up and went back into the city with the believers. The next day, Paul and Barnabas left the city of Lystra and traveled to the city of Derbe.

**What did Paul do as the disciples were standing around him?**

Paul got up and entered the city.

**Acts 14:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> After they had both proclaimed the gospel in that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> They stayed there several days, and they kept telling the people the good message about Jesus. Many people became believers. After that, Paul and Barnabas started on their way back. They went again to Lystra. Then they went from there to Iconium, and then they went to the city of Antioch in the province of Pisidia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> They were strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and {saying}, "It is necessary for us to enter into the kingdom of God through many afflictions."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> In each place, they urged the believers to keep on trusting in the Lord Jesus. They told the believers, "We must suffer many hardships before God will rule over us forever."

**Through what did Paul say the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God?**

Through many sufferings Paul said the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God.

**Acts 14:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord, in whom they had believed.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Paul and Barnabas chose leaders for each congregation. Before Paul and Barnabas left each place, they gathered the believers together and spent some time praying and fasting. Then Paul and Barnabas entrusted the leaders and other believers to the Lord Jesus, in whom they had believed, in order that he would care for them.

**What did Paul and Barnabas do in every assembly of believers before they departed?**

In every assembly, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders, prayed with fasting, and entrusted the believers to the Lord.

**Acts 14:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And when they passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> After Paul and Barnabas had traveled through the district of Pisidia, they went south to the district of Pamphylia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> In that district, they arrived at the town of Perga and preached God's message about the Lord Jesus to the people there. Then they went down to the seacoast at the town of Attalia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> There they got on a ship and went back to the city of Antioch in the province of Syria. That was the place where Paul and Barnabas had been chosen to go to other places and preach, and where the believers had asked God to help Paul and Barnabas in the work that they had now completed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 14:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And when they arrived and gathered together the church, they reported all that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When they arrived in the city of Antioch, they called the believers together. Then Paul and Barnabas told them all that God had helped them to do. Specifically, they told them how God had enabled many non-Jewish people to believe in Jesus.

**What did Paul and Barnabas do when they returned to Antioch?**

When they returned to Antioch, they reported all the things that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

**Acts 14:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And they stayed for not a little time with the disciples.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch with the other believers for a long time.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 15

### Acts 15:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And certain ones coming down from Judea taught the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised in the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved."

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Then some Jewish believers went down from Judea province to Antioch. They started teaching the non-Jewish believers there, saying, "You must be circumcised to show that you belong to God, as Moses commanded in the laws that he received from God. If you do not do that, you will not be saved."

### What did certain men from Judea come and teach the brothers?

Certain men from Judea taught that unless the brothers were circumcised, they could not be saved.

### Acts 15:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And when not a little dispute and debate happened to Paul and Barnabas with them, they appointed Paul and Barnabas, along with certain others from among them, to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Paul and Barnabas strongly disagreed with those Jews and started arguing with them. So the believers at Antioch appointed Paul and Barnabas and some of the other believers to go to Jerusalem, in order that they might discuss this matter with the apostles and other leaders.

### How did the brothers decide this question should be resolved?

The brothers decided that Paul, Barnabas, and certain others should go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders.

**Acts 15:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the ones who had been sent by the church passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria announcing the conversion of the Gentiles, and they brought great joy to all the brothers.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> After Paul, Barnabas, and the others were sent on their way by the believers in Antioch, they traveled through the provinces of Phoenicia and Samaria. When they stopped at different places along the way, they reported to the believers that many non-Jews had become believers. As a result, all the believers in those places rejoiced greatly.

**Passing through Phoenicia and Samaria, what news did Paul and his companions announce?**

Paul and his companions announced the conversion of the Gentiles.

**Acts 15:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church, and the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> When Paul, Barnabas, and the others arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the apostles, other elders, and the other believers in the group there. Then Paul and Barnabas reported the things that God had enabled them to do among non-Jewish people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But certain ones who had believed, who {were} from the sect of the Pharisees, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But some of the Jewish believers who belonged to the Pharisee sect stood up among the other believers and said to them, "The non-Jews who have believed in Jesus must be circumcised, and they must be told to obey the laws that God gave to Moses."

**Which group among the believers thought that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses?**

The group of Pharisees believed that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses.

**Acts 15:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And the apostles and the elders gathered together to see about this matter.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Then the apostles and the elders met together in order to talk about this matter.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And after much debate happened, Peter arose {and} said to them, "Men, brothers, you know that from days of old among you, God chose the Gentiles to hear by my mouth the word of the gospel, and to believe.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> After they had discussed it for a long time, Peter stood up and spoke to them. He said, "Fellow believers, you all know that a long time ago God chose me from among you other apostles, in order that I might tell the non-Jewish people also about God's love, and in order that they might believe in him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And God, the heart-knower, testified to them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just as also to us;

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> God knows the hearts of all people. He showed me and others that he had accepted the non-Jews to be his people by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just like he had also done for us.

**What did Peter say that God had given to and done for the Gentiles? (vv8-9)**

Peter said that God had given the Gentiles the Holy Spirit and had made their hearts clean by faith.



**Acts 15:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> and he did not distinguish between us and them, having made their hearts clean by faith.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> God made no distinction between us and them, because he made them clean inside simply as a result of their believing in the Lord Jesus. That is exactly how he has forgiven us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore why are you testing God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Why do you want to force the non-Jewish believers to obey our Jewish rituals and laws? Doing that is like putting a heavy burden on them. It forces them to obey laws that even our ancestors broke and that we Jews today have never been able to keep! So then, stop making God angry by doing that!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But we believe to be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, and they according to that {same} manner."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> We know that God saves us Jews from our sins because of what the Lord Jesus did for us. God saves us Jews exactly like he saves those non-Jews who believe in the Lord Jesus."

**How did Peter say that both Jews and Gentiles are saved?**

Peter said that both Jews and Gentiles are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 15:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And all the crowd kept silent and were listening to Barnabas and Paul explaining how many the signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles through them.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> All the people there became silent after Peter had spoken. Then they all listened to Barnabas and Paul. The two of them told about the many great miracles that God had enabled them to do among the non-Jewish people. The miracles that showed that God had accepted the non-Jews.

**What did Paul and Barnabas report to the assembly?**

Paul and Barnabas reported the signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles.

**Acts 15:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And after they stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Men, brothers, listen to me.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> When Barnabas and Paul had finished speaking, James, the leader of the group of believers in Jerusalem, spoke to them. He said, "Fellow believers, listen to me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> Simon has explained how God first concerned himself to take from the Gentiles a people for his name.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Simon Peter has told you how God previously blessed the non-Jews. God did that by choosing from among them a people who would belong to himself.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And this agrees with the words of the prophets, just as it is written,

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> The words that God spoke long ago, words that were written by one of the prophets, agree with that:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> 'After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David, which has fallen down; and I will rebuild its ruins and will restore it,

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Later on I will return and I will restore the kingdom of David when I choose a king from the descendants of David. It will be like someone who builds a house again after it has been torn down.

**What did the prophecy which James quoted say that God would rebuild, and who would it include? (vv16-17)**

The prophecy said that God would rebuild the fallen tent of David, and that it would include the Gentiles.

**Acts 15:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> so that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, including all the Gentiles upon whom my name has been called upon them, says the Lord who is doing these things

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> I will do this in order that all other people might try to know me, the Lord God. This will include even the non-Israelites whom I have called to belong to me. You can be certain that this will happen because I the Lord God have spoken these words.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> known from eternity.' [1]

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> I have done these things, and I have made my people know about them since long ago."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, I am judging not to trouble those from the Gentiles who are turning to God,

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> James continued to speak. He said, "Therefore I think that we should stop bothering the non-Jewish people who are turning away from their sins and turning to God. That is, we should stop demanding that they obey all our laws and rituals.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> but to write to them to keep away from the pollution of idols, and sexual immorality, and things that are strangled, and blood.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Instead, we should write a letter to them requiring only four things: They should not eat meat that people have offered to idols, they should not sleep with someone to whom they are not married, they should not eat meat from animals that have been killed by being strangled, and they should not eat the blood of animals.

**What commands did James suggest be given to the Gentile converts?**

James suggested that the Gentile converts be commanded to keep from idols, from fornication, from what is strangled, and from blood.

**Acts 15:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> For Moses has in every city, from ancient generations, those proclaiming him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> In many cities for a very long time, people have been proclaiming the laws that Moses wrote, laws prohibiting those things. And every Sabbath those laws are read in the Jewish meeting places. So if the non-Jews want to know more about those laws, they can find out in our meeting houses.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas chosen men from among them—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> The apostles and the other elders, along with all the other believers in Jerusalem, accepted what James had said. Then they decided that they should choose men from among themselves and that they should send them, along with Paul and Barnabas, to Antioch, to let the believers there know what the leaders at Jerusalem had decided. So they chose Judas, who was also called Barsabbas, and Silas. These were both leaders among the believers at Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> They wrote by their hand: “The apostles and the elders, brothers, to those throughout Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, who {are} brothers from among the Gentiles. Greetings!

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Then they wrote the following letter that they asked Judas and Silas to take to the believers at Antioch: “We apostles and elders who are your fellow believers send our greetings to you as we write this to you non-Jewish believers who live in Antioch and other places in the provinces of Syria and Cilicia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> Now, having heard that certain ones having gone out from us to disturb you with teachings that are upsetting your souls, who were not ordered by us,

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> People have told us that some men from among us went to you, although we had not sent them to you. We heard that they have troubled you by telling you things that confused your thinking.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> it seemed good to us, having come together with one mind, to send to you chosen men along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> So after we met together here, we decided to choose some men and ask them to go to you, along with Barnabas and Paul, whom we love very much.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> men who have handed over their souls for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Those two have put their lives in danger because they serve our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas, and they are reporting to you the {same} thing in words.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> We have also sent Judas and Silas to you. They will tell you the same things that we are writing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to be laid upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> It seemed right to the Holy Spirit and to us that you should not be required to obey a lot of burdensome Jewish laws. Instead, we only require you to obey the following instructions:

**In the letter written to the Gentiles, who is said to be in agreement with the conclusion of giving the Gentiles only a few necessary commands?**

The writers of the letter and the Holy Spirit are said to be in agreement with the conclusions.

**Acts 15:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> to abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and blood, and things strangled, and sexual immorality. Keeping yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> You should not eat food that people have sacrificed to idols. You should not eat blood from animals, and you should not eat meat from animals that people have killed by strangling them. Also, you should not sleep with someone to whom you are not married. If you avoid doing these things, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> So when they were dismissed, they came down to Antioch; and having gathered the crowd together, they delivered the letter.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> The four men they selected went down from Jerusalem and came to Antioch. When all the believers there had assembled together, they gave the letter to them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of the encouragement.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> When the believers there read the letter, they rejoiced because its message encouraged them.

**What was the response of the Gentiles when they heard the letter from Jerusalem?**

The Gentiles rejoiced because of the encouragement in the letter.

**Acts 15:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Both Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, exhorted the brothers with many words and strengthened them.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> Being prophets, Judas and Silas spoke a lot and encouraged the believers there and helped them to trust more strongly in the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And after they had spent time there, they were sent away with peace from the brothers to those who had sent them.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> After Judas and Silas had stayed there for some time and were ready to return to Jerusalem, the believers at Antioch wished them well, and then they left.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:34****ULT**

<sup>34[2]</sup> [But it seemed good to Silas for him to remain there, so only Judas traveled.]

**UST**

<sup>34[1]</sup> [But Silas thought it would be best for him to stay there.]

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 15:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and proclaiming the gospel (with also many others), the word of the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> However, Paul and Barnabas continued to stay in Antioch. While they were there, they, along with many others, were teaching people and preaching to them the message about the Lord Jesus.

**What did Paul and Barnabas do as they stayed in Antioch?**

Paul and Barnabas taught and preached the word of the Lord.

**Acts 15:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> But after some days, Paul said to Barnabas, "Having returned, then, let us visit the brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord—how they are."

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the fellow believers in every city where we previously proclaimed the message about the Lord Jesus. In that way, we will know how well they are continuing to believe in the Lord Jesus."

**What did Paul tell Barnabas he wanted to do?**

Paul told Barnabas that he wanted to return and visit the brothers in every city they had proclaimed the word of the Lord.

**Acts 15:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> But Barnabas wanted to also take with them John who was called Mark.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> Barnabas agreed with Paul, and said that he wanted to take John, whose other name was Mark, along with them again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> But Paul thought it wise not to take along him who had withdrawn from them from Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> However, Paul told Barnabas that he thought that it would not be good to take Mark with them, because Mark had left them when they were previously in the region of Pamphylia, and had not continued to work with them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 15:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And there arose a sharp disagreement, so as to separate them from each other, and Barnabas took Mark with him to sail away to Cyprus.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> Paul and Barnabas strongly disagreed with each other about this matter, so they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark along with him. They got on a ship and went to the Island of Cyprus.

**Why did Paul and Barnabas separate and travel in different directions?**

There was a sharp disagreement between them, so that they separated from each other.

**Acts 15:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> But Paul, having chosen Silas, left, after he had been entrusted by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> Paul chose Silas, who had returned to Antioch, to work with him. The believers there prayed to the Lord God, asking him to graciously help Paul and Silas. Then the two of them departed from Antioch.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 15:41

### ULT

<sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

15:18 <sup>[1]</sup>

15:34 <sup>[2]</sup>

### UST

<sup>41</sup> Paul continued traveling with Silas through the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. In those places they were helping the groups of believers to trust strongly in the Lord Jesus.

15:34 <sup>[1]</sup>

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 16

### Acts 16:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And he also came down to Derbe and to Lystra; and behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a believing Jewish woman; but {his} father {was} a Greek.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Silas went to the cities of Derbe and Lystra and visited the believers there. And take note of this: a believer whose name was Timothy lived in Lystra. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 16:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> The believers in Lystra and Iconium said good things about Timothy,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 16:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> Paul wanted this one to go out with him, and so having taken him, he circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> and Paul wanted to take Timothy with him when he went to other places, so he circumcised Timothy. He did that so that the Jews who lived in those places would accept Timothy, because they knew that his non-Jewish father had not circumcised him.

### What did Paul do with Timothy before they traveled together, and why?

Paul circumcised Timothy because the Jews in those parts knew Timothy's father was a Greek.

**Acts 16:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And as they were going through the cities, they were delivering to them to keep the decrees that had been decided by the apostles and elders who {were} in Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> So Timothy went with Paul and Silas, and they traveled to many other towns. In each town they told the believers the rules that had been decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

**What instructions did Paul deliver to the churches on their way?**

Paul delivered the instructions that had been written by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

**Acts 16:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> So the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number each day.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> They helped the believers in those towns to trust more strongly in the Lord Jesus, and every day more people became believers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And they went through the regions of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Paul and his companions were stopped from speaking the word in Asia by the Holy Spirit, so they went through the regions of Phrygia and Galatia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And when they had come near Mysia, they were attempting to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> They arrived at the border of the province of Mysia, and they wanted to go north into the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus kept them from going there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And so passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> So they went through the province of Mysia and arrived at Troas, a city by the sea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: A certain man of Macedonia was standing and calling him and saying, "Having coming over to Macedonia, help us."

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> That night God gave Paul a vision in which he saw a man from the province of Macedonia. He was calling to Paul, saying, "Come to Macedonia and help us!"

**How did Paul know God was calling him to preach the gospel in Macedonia?**

Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia calling him to come over and help them.

**Acts 16:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And so when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia, reasoning together that God had called us to proclaim the gospel to them.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> After he saw the vision, we left for Macedonia, because we believed that God had called us to proclaim the good news with the people there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And setting sail from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> We got on a boat and sailed from Troas to Samothrace, and the next day went to the city of Neapolis.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> from there to Philippi, which is the first city in the district of Macedonia, a colony, and we stayed in this city for some days.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Then we left Neapolis and went to Philippi. It was a very important city in Macedonia, where many Roman citizens lived. We stayed in Philippi for many days.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day, we went outside the city gate by a river, where we thought to be a place of prayer. And having sat down, we spoke to the women who had come together.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate down to the river. We had heard someone say that Jewish people gathered to pray there. When we arrived, we saw some women who had gathered to pray, so we sat down and began to tell them about Jesus.

**On the Sabbath, why did Paul go to the river outside the gate of Philippi?**

Paul thought there would be a place of prayer there.

**Acts 16:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, worshiping God, was listening, of whom the Lord opened the heart to pay attention to what was being said by Paul.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> A woman whose name was Lydia was one of the women who was listening to Paul. She was from the city of Thyatira, sold purple cloth, and worshiped God. The Lord God caused her to pay attention to the message that Paul spoke, and she believed it.

**What did the Lord do for Lydia as Paul spoke?**

The Lord opened Lydia's heart to pay attention to the things which were spoken by Paul.

**Acts 16:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And when she was baptized, and her household, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, entering into my house, stay." And she persuaded us.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> After Paul and Silas baptized Lydia and the others who lived in her house, she said to them, "If you believe I have been faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay there." After she said this, we stayed at her house.

**Who was baptized after Paul spoke by the river?**

Lydia and her household were baptized after Paul spoke.



**Acts 16:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And it happened that, as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain young female slave having a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by fortune-telling.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Another day, while we were going to the place where people gathered to pray, we met a young woman who was a slave. An evil spirit was giving her power to tell the future about people. People paid money to the men who were her owners, in return for her telling them what would happen to them.

**How did the young woman with a spirit make money for her masters?**

She made money for her masters by fortunetelling.

**Acts 16:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> She, following after Paul and us, was shouting, saying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> This young woman followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men serve the God who is the greatest of all gods! They are telling you how God can save you."

**What did Paul do after the young woman had followed him for many days? (vv17-18)**

Paul turned and commanded the spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.

**Acts 16:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And she did this for many days. But Paul, being greatly annoyed and having turned to the spirit, said, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out from her." And it came out that same hour.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> She continued to do this for many days. Finally, Paul became angry, so he turned toward the young woman and spoke to the evil spirit that was in her. He said, "In the name of Jesus the Messiah, come out of her!" Right away the evil spirit left her.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, having seized Paul and Silas, they dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> And then her owners realized that she could no longer earn money for them because she could no longer predict what would happen to people, so they were angry. They grabbed Paul and Silas and took them to the public square where the rulers of the city were.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are stirring up our city. They are Jews.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> The owners of the young woman brought them to the city rulers and told them, "These men are Jews, and they are greatly troubling the people in our city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And they are proclaiming customs that are not possible for us to accept nor to practice, being Romans."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> They are teaching that we should follow rules that our laws do not allow us Romans to obey!"

**What accusation did the young woman's masters bring against Paul and Silas?**

They accused Paul and Silas of teaching things that are not lawful for Romans to receive or observe.

**Acts 16:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And then the crowd rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore {their} garments off them, commanding them to be beaten with rods.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Many of the crowd joined those who were accusing Paul and Silas, and they started to beat them. Then the Roman rulers told soldiers to tear the shirts off Paul and Silas and to beat them with rods.

**What punishment did Paul and Silas receive from the magistrates? (vv22-24)**

They were beaten with rods, thrown into prison, and put in the stocks.

**Acts 16:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And when they had laid many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, having commanded the jailer to guard them securely,

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So the soldiers beat Paul and Silas badly with rods. After that, they took them and put them into the prison. They told the jailer to make sure they did not get out.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> who, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Because the officials had told him to do that, the jailer put Paul and Silas into the room that was farthest inside the prison. There, he made them sit down on the floor and stretch out their legs. Then he fastened their ankles in holes between two large pieces of wood, so that Paul and Silas could not move their legs.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But around midnight, Paul and Silas, praying, were singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and praising God by singing songs. The other prisoners were listening to them.

**What were Paul and Silas doing around midnight in the prison?**

They were praying and singing hymns to God.

**Acts 16:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> But suddenly a great earthquake happened, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and the chains of everyone were unfastened.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a very strong earthquake that shook the jail. The earthquake caused all of the doors of the jail to open and all of the chains that fastened the prisoners to fall off.

**What happened that caused the jailer to prepare to kill himself?**

There was an earthquake, all the prison doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened.

**Acts 16:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But the jailer became awake, and seeing the prison doors had been opened, having drawn {his} sword, he was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up and saw that the doors of the jail were open by the earthquake. He thought that the prisoners had left the jail, so he pulled out his sword to kill himself, because he knew that the city rulers would kill him if the prisoners became free.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted with a loud voice, saying, "Do not cause harm to yourself, because we are all here."

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Paul saw the jailer and shouted to him, "Do not kill yourself! We prisoners are all here!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And so having called for lights, he rushed in, and being terrified, fell down before Paul and Silas,

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> The jailer shouted to someone to bring torches so he could see who was still in the prison. He rushed in, shaking with fear, and fell down in front of Paul and Silas.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> and having brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do in order to be saved?"

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Then he brought Paul and Silas out of the jail and asked: "Sirs, what do I need to do to be saved?"

**What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?**

The jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved"?

**Acts 16:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> They answered, "Trust in the Lord Jesus, and you and your household will be saved."

**What answer did Paul and Silas give the jailer?**

Paul and Silas answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house".

**Acts 16:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, together with everyone who {was} in his house.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> Then Paul and Silas spoke about the Lord Jesus to him and everyone in his household.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And having taken them at that same hour of the night, he washed them from the blows, and he was baptized immediately—he and all those {who were} his.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Then the jailer washed their wounds, right at that time in the middle of the night. Then Paul and Silas baptized him and everyone in his household.

**Who was baptized that night?**

The jailer and all his household were baptized that night.

**Acts 16:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And having brought them up into {his} house, he set a table before them and exulted with {his} household, having believed in God.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> Then the jailer took Paul and Silas into his house and gave them food to eat. He and all in his household were all very happy because they had believed in God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> Now when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, "Release those men."

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> The next morning, the city rulers told some soldiers to go to the prison to say to the jailer, "Let those two prisoners go now!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And the jailer reported the words to Paul, "The magistrates have sent that you may be released. Now therefore, having come out, go in peace."

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> When the jailer heard this, he went and told Paul, "The city rulers have told me to let you go. So you two can leave the prison now and go in peace!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial—men being Romans—they threw us into prison, and now they cast us out secretly? No indeed! Instead, coming themselves, let them lead us out."

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> But Paul said to the jailer, "The city rulers told men to beat us in front of a crowd, even though we are Roman citizens, and put us in prison. And now they want to send us away without telling anyone! We will not accept that! Those city rulers must come themselves and free us from prison."

**What caused the magistrates to be afraid after they sent word to let Paul and Silas go? (vv37-38)**

The magistrates were afraid because they realized that they had publicly beaten two uncondemned Roman citizens.

**Acts 16:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> But the officers reported these words to the magistrates, and they were terrified when they heard that they are Romans.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> So the soldiers went and told the city rulers what Paul had said. When the city rulers heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were afraid because they had done the wrong thing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And having come, they apologized to them and having brought them out, they begged them to go away from the city.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> So the city rulers came to Paul and Silas and told them that they were sorry for what they had done to them. The city rulers brought them out of the prison and asked them to leave the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 16:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> But going out from the prison, they came to the house of Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they exhorted them and departed.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> After Paul and Silas left the prison, they went to Lydia's house. There they met with her and the other believers. They encouraged the believers to continue trusting in the Lord Jesus, and then the two apostles left the city of Philippi.

**After the magistrates asked them to leave the city, what did Paul and Silas do?**

Paul and Silas went to the house of Lydia, encouraged the brothers, and then departed from Philippi.



## Acts 17

### Acts 17:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Now having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> They traveled through the cities of Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to the city of Thessalonica. There was a Jewish meeting place there.

### Arriving in Thessalonica, where did Paul go first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus? (vv1-2)

Paul went to the synagogue of the Jews first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus.

### Acts 17:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And according to {his} custom, Paul went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath Paul went to the meeting place as he usually did. For three weeks he went there on each sabbath day. He spoke to the people about how the Scriptures said that Jesus would be the Messiah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 17:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> fully opening and demonstrating that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and {saying}, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> He showed from the Scriptures that the prophets wrote that the Messiah would have to die and come alive again. He said, "This man Jesus is the Messiah. He died and became alive again, just like the prophets said he would."

### What did Paul show was necessary from the Scriptures?

Paul showed it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead.

**Acts 17:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And some from them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, both a large number of worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the leading women.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews there believed what Paul had said and began to meet with Paul and Silas. There were also many non-Jewish people and important women who worshiped God who also believed the message about Jesus, and they also began to meet with Paul and Silas.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews, having become jealous, and having taken certain wicked men of the marketplace, and having gathered a crowd together, they set the city in an uproar. And having assaulted the house of Jason, they sought to lead them to the people.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But some leaders of the Jews became angry because many people believed what Paul taught. So they went to the public square and persuaded some evil men to follow them. In this way, the leaders of the Jews gathered a crowd and caused them to make a lot of noise. Those Jews and others ran to the house of a man named Jason where Paul and Silas were staying. They wanted to bring Paul and Silas outside to where the crowd of people were.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers before the city officials, crying out, "Those who have turned the inhabited world upside down—they are here in this place also,

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> They discovered that Paul and Silas were not at the house, but they found Jason and grabbed him. They dragged him and some of the other believers who were with him to where the city rulers were. They said, "The men who have caused trouble everywhere in the world have come here also,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> whom Jason and all these men have welcomed, acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.”

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> and this fellow Jason has asked them to stay at his house. They are acting against the emperor. They say that another person, whose name is Jesus, is the real king!”

**What accusation was made against Paul and Silas to the city officials?**

Paul and Silas were accused of acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there was another king—Jesus.

**Acts 17:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the crowd and the city officials were disturbed, hearing these things.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> When the crowd of people that had gathered and the city rulers heard that, they became very angry and excited.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And after they had received a bond from Jason and the rest of them, they released them.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> The city rulers made Jason and the other believers pay a fine and told them that they would give the money back to them if Paul and Silas did not cause any more trouble. Then the city rulers let Jason and the other believers go.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But immediately by night, the brothers sent away both Paul and Silas to Berea, who, when they arrived there, went into the synagogue of the Jews.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> So that same night, the believers sent Paul and Silas out of Thessalonica to the town of Berea. When Paul and Silas arrived there, they went to the Jewish meeting place.

**Where did Paul and Silas go when they arrived in Berea?**

Paul and Silas went into the synagogue of the Jews.

**Acts 17:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> Now these were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, who received the word with all readiness, examining the Scriptures each day, whether these things were so.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Most of the Jews in Thessalonica had not been willing to listen to God's message, but the Jews who lived in Berea were very willing to listen, so they listened closely to the message about Jesus. Every day they read the Scriptures for themselves to find out if what Paul said about Jesus was true.

**What did the Bereans do when they heard Paul's message?**

The Bereans received the word and examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was so.

**Acts 17:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore many from them believed, including influential Greek women and not a few men.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Because of Paul's teaching, many of the Jewish people believed in Jesus, and also some of the important non-Jewish women and many non-Jewish men believed in him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was also being proclaimed by Paul at Berea, they came and there stirred up and troubled the crowds.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> But then the Jews in Thessalonica heard that Paul was in Berea preaching the message from God about Jesus. So they went to Berea and said things to the people there that made them very angry with Paul.

**Why did Paul have to leave Berea, and where did he go? (vv13-15)**

Paul had leave Berea because the Jews of Thessalonica stirred up the crowds in Berea, so Paul went to Athens.

**Acts 17:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But then immediately, the brothers sent Paul away to go as far as to the sea, but both Silas and Timothy stayed there.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Some of the believers in Berea took Paul to the seacoast to go to another city. But Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But those who were leading Paul down took him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command to Silas and Timothy that they would come to him as quickly as possible, they departed.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> When Paul and the other men arrived at the coast, they got on a boat and went to the city of Athens. Then Paul said to the men who had come with him, "Tell Silas and Timothy to come to me here in Athens as soon as they can." Then those men left Athens and returned to Berea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him, seeing the city being full of idols.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> In Athens, Paul waited for Silas and Timothy to come. In the meantime, he walked around in the city. He became very distressed because there were many idols in the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and those who were worshiping, and in the marketplace every day with those whom he met there.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> So he went to the Jewish meeting place and talked about Jesus with the Jews, and also with the Greeks who had accepted what the Jews believe. He also went to the public square every day and talked to the people whom he met there.

**Where did Paul go when he arrived in Athens?**

Paul went to the Jewish synagogue and the marketplace to reason from the Scriptures.

**Acts 17:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to argue with him. And some said, "What is this babbler wanting to say?" But others {said}, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he was proclaiming the gospel about Jesus and the resurrection.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Paul met some teachers who liked to talk about what people believe. People called some of them Epicureans, and they called others Stoics. They told Paul what they believed, and they asked him what he believed. Then some of them said to one another, "He is saying something about some strange gods." They said that because Paul was telling them that Jesus had died and then had become alive again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And taking hold of him, they brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "Are we able to know what {is} this new teaching which is being spoken by you?"

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> So they took him to the place where the city leaders met. When they arrived there, they said to Paul, "Please tell us, what is this new message that you are teaching people?"

**Where was Paul brought to explain his teaching further? (vv19-20)**

Paul was brought to the Areopagus to explain his teaching further.

**Acts 17:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore, we want to know what these things want to be."

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> You are teaching some things that we do not understand, so we want to know what they mean."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> (Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there spent their time in nothing other than either to tell something or to listen to something new.)

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> The people of Athens and also the people from other regions who lived there loved to talk about what was new to them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Paul, having been stood in the middle of the Areopagus, said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood up in front of the people and said, "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> For passing through and observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, "To an Unknown God." What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> I say that because, while I was walking along I saw the things that you worship, I even saw an altar that had these words that someone had carved on it: THIS HONORS A GOD THAT WE DO NOT KNOW. So now I will tell you about that God whom you worship but you do not know.

**Which altar in Athens did Paul find, which he wanted to explain to the people?**

Paul found an altar with the inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD, which he wanted to explain to the people.

**Acts 17:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and all that {is} in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples built with hands.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> He is the God who made the world and everything in it. He rules over all beings in heaven and on earth, and he does not live in temples that people have built.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 17:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Neither is he served by hands of men, as though he needed anything, himself giving to all life and breath and all things.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> He does not need to have anything made for him by people because he makes people live and breath, and he gives them everything they need.

**What did Paul say the God who made everything gives to people?**

Paul said the God who made everything gives people life and breath and everything else.

**Acts 17:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And from one man he made every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined {their} appointed seasons and the boundaries of their habitation,

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> In the beginning, God created one couple, and from them God produced all the people groups that now live everywhere on the earth. He put each people group in its place for its time.

**From what did God make every nation of people?**

From one man God made every nation of people.

**Acts 17:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> to seek God and perhaps they might feel around for him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> He wanted people to realize that they need him. Then maybe they would look for him and find him. God wants us to look for him, although he is very close to each one of us.

**How far did Paul say God was from anyone?**

Paul said that God was not far from anyone.

**Acts 17:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> For in him we live and move and exist, as also a certain one of your own poets has said, 'For we also are {his} offspring.'

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> It is because of God that we live, move, and exist, as one of you has said, 'Because we are his children.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Therefore, being offspring of God, we ought not to consider the divine being to be like gold, or silver, or stone—images of the skill and imagination of man.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Therefore, because we are God's children, we should not think that God is like gold, silver, or stone, made into something by man.

**How did Paul say we should not think of God?**

Paul said that we should not think of God like gold, silver, or stones, sculptured by man.

**Acts 17:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> Therefore God, having overlooked the times of ignorance, now commands all men everywhere to repent,

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> During the times when people did not know what God wanted them to do, he did not punish them for what they did. But now God commands all people everywhere to turn away from their evil deeds.

**What does God now call all men everywhere to do?**

God now calls all men everywhere to repent.

**Acts 17:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> because he has set a day in which he is about to judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has appointed. He has provided signs to all, having raised him from the dead."

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> He tells us that on a certain day that he has chosen he is going to judge all of us justly by the man he has chosen, making sure we understand this by raising this man from the dead."

**For what has God set a certain day?**

God has set a certain day when Jesus will judge the world in righteousness.

**What proof has God given that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world?**

God has proven that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world by raising him from the dead.

**Acts 17:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked him; but others said, "We will hear you again concerning this matter."

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> When the men heard Paul say that a man had become alive again after he had died, some of them laughed at him. But others asked him to come back and tell them about it another day.

**What did some do when they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead?**

Some mocked Paul when they heard him speak about the resurrection of the dead.

**Acts 17:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> So, Paul went out from their midst.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> After they said that, Paul walked away.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 17:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> But certain men who joined him believed, among whom included Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> However, some of the people went with Paul and believed the message about Jesus. Among those who believed in Jesus was a man named Dionysius who was a member of the council. Also, there were a woman named Damaris and some other people with them who believed.

**Did any believe what Paul had said?**

Yes, certain men believed Paul, and others with them.

**Acts 18****Acts 18:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> After these things, having departed from Athens, he went to Corinth.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> After that, Paul left the city of Athens and went to the city of Corinth.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And when he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy, and Priscilla, his wife, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome, he approached them,

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> There he met a Jew whose name was Aquila, who was from the region of Pontus. Aquila and his wife Priscilla had come a short time previously from the city of Rome, in Italy. They left Rome because Claudius, the Roman emperor, had ordered that all the Jews must leave Rome. Paul went to see Priscilla and Aquila.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> Aquila and Priscilla made tents to earn money. Paul also made tents, so he stayed with them, and they worked together.

**What work did Paul do to support himself?**

Paul worked as a tentmaker to support himself.

**Acts 18:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, persuading both Jews and Greeks.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath, Paul went to the Jewish meeting place, where he spoke to both Jews and non-Jews. He taught them about Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews Jesus to be the Christ.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy came from the region of Macedonia, Paul was strongly moved by the Spirit to tell the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

**What did Paul testify to the Jews in Corinth?**

Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

**Acts 18:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But as they are opposing and insulting him, shaking out {his} garment, he said to them, "Your blood be upon your head! I am clean! From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But the Jews began to turn against Paul and to say evil things about him. So he shook the dust from his clothes and he said to them, "If God punishes you, it is your responsibility, not mine! From now on I will talk to those who are not Jewish!"

**When the Jews rejected Paul, what did he do?**

Paul told the Jews their blood was on their own head, and then he went to the Gentiles.

**Acts 18:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And having departed from there, he went to the house of a certain man named Titius Justus who worships God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> So Paul left the Jewish meeting place and went into a house that was next to it, and preached there. Titius Justus, the owner of the house, was a non-Jewish man who worshiped God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> But Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all those in his house; and many of the Corinthians, hearing about it, were believing and were being baptized.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> After that, the ruler of the Jewish meeting place, whose name was Crispus, and all of his family believed in the Lord. Many other people in Corinth heard about Crispus and his family, they also believed in Jesus and were baptized.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And through a vision in the night, the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but continue speaking and do not be silent.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> One night Paul had a vision in which the Lord Jesus said to him, "Do not be afraid of the people who are against you, but keep talking about me,

**What encouragement did Paul receive from the Lord in Corinth? (vv9-10)**

The Lord told Paul to continue speaking, for no one would harm him there.

**Acts 18:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city.”

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> because I will help you and no one will be able to hurt you here. Keep telling them about me, because there are many people in this city who belong to me.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And so he stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching the people the message from God about Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But Gallio being governor of Achaia, the Jews rose up together against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When Gallio became the Roman governor of the province of Achaia, the Jewish leaders got together and seized Paul. They took him before the governor and accused him,

**What accusation did the Jews bring to the governor against Paul? (vv12-13)**

The Jews accused Paul of teaching people to worship contrary to the law.

**Acts 18:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> saying, “This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.”

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> saying, “This man is teaching people to worship God in ways that go against our Jewish laws.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 18:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to open {his} mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “O Jews, if it were some crime or evil wrongdoing, according to reason I would have endured you.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> When Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, “If this man had broken our Roman laws, I would have listened to what you Jews want to tell me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But if these are questions about a word and names and your law, you will see to it yourselves. I do not want to be a judge of these matters.”

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> However, you are talking about words and names and your own Jewish laws, so you yourselves must talk to him about this. I will not judge these things!”

**How did the governor respond to the accusations of the Jews against Paul?**

The governor said that he did not wish to be a judge of matters involving the Jewish law.

**Acts 18:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And so he sent them away from the judgment seat.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> After Gallio had said that, he told some soldiers to take the Jewish leaders away from the court.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> But they all, having seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, were beating him in front of the judgment seat. But none of these things mattered to Gallio.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Then the people grabbed the leader of the Jews, Sosthenes. They beat him right there in front of the judge's seat. But Gallio did nothing about it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And Paul, after having stayed there many days, left the brothers {and} sailed to Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila {were} with him. He had cut the hair of {his} head in Cenchrea because he had a vow.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Paul stayed with the believers in Corinth for many more days. Then he got on a ship with Priscilla and Aquila and sailed for the province of Syria. He got his hair cut off in Cenchrea because of a vow that he had made.

**Which husband and wife traveled with Paul to Ephesus? (vv18-19)**

Aquila and Priscilla traveled with Paul to Ephesus.

**Acts 18:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And when they came to Ephesus, he left them there, but he himself, having gone into the synagogue, reasoned with the Jews.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> They arrived at the city of Ephesus, and Priscilla and Aquila stayed there. Paul himself entered the Jewish meeting place and spoke to the Jews about Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> They asked him to stay longer, but he did not agree to stay.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But having left them and having said, "I will return again to you, God is willing" he set sail from Ephesus.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> But as he left, he told them, "I will come back, if God wants me to." Then he got on a ship and sailed away from Ephesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And having landed at Caesarea, having gone up and having greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> When the ship came to the city of Caesarea, Paul got off. He went up to Jerusalem and greeted the believers there. Then he went to the city of Antioch in the region of Syria.

**What were the first two places Paul went after he left Ephesus?**

After he left Ephesus, Paul traveled to Jerusalem and then to Antioch.

**Acts 18:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And having spent some time there, he departed, going through the region of Galatia and Phrygia in succession, strengthening all the disciples.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Paul spent some time with the believers there. Then he left Antioch and walked to many cities in the regions of Galatia and Phrygia. He urged the believers to believe more and more in the message from God about Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came down to Ephesus, being mighty in the Scriptures.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> While Paul was going through Galatia and Phrygia, a Jewish man named Apollos came to Ephesus. He was from the city of Alexandria and spoke very well about the Scriptures.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Other believers had taught Apollos how the Lord Jesus wanted people to live, and he enthusiastically taught those things to the people. However, he was not teaching everything about Jesus, because he only knew about the baptism of John the Baptizer.

**What teaching did Apollos understand accurately, and in what teaching did he need more instruction?**

Apollos understood the things concerning Jesus accurately, but he knew only the baptism of John.

**Acts 18:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but hearing him, Priscilla and Aquila took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Apollos went to the Jewish meeting place, and he told the people there about the things that he had learned. When Priscilla and Aquila heard what he taught, they asked him to come to their home where they taught him more about Jesus.

**What did Priscilla and Aquila do for Apollos?**

Priscilla and Aquila became friends with Apollos and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

**Acts 18:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And when he desired to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him {and} wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed by grace.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When Apollos decided that he would like to go to the region of Achaia, the believers in Ephesus told him that it would be good for him to do that. So they wrote a letter to the believers in Achaia saying that they should welcome Apollos. After he got there, he helped those whom God had kindly enabled to believe in Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 18:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> For he was powerfully refuting the Jews publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Apollos was talking very powerfully with the leaders of the Jews while many other people listened. By reading from the Scriptures, he was able to show them that Jesus was the Messiah.

**What was Apollos able to do with his eloquent speech and knowledge of the Scriptures?**

Apollos was able to publicly overwhelm the Jews, showing that Jesus was the Christ.

**Acts 19****Acts 19:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper parts to come down to Ephesus, and to find certain disciples.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul left Phrygia and Galatia and went through Asia, and he came back to Ephesus. He met some people who said that they were believers.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" But they said to him, "No, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit."

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed God's message?" They answered, "No, we did not. We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

**What had the disciples that Paul met in Ephesus not heard about when they believed?**

The disciples had not heard about the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 19:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into the baptism of John."

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, "So when you were baptized, what did you know?" They replied, "We believed what John the Baptizer taught."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But Paul replied, "John baptized a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who is coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, "John's baptism was a sign that people were turning to God and away from their evil thoughts and deeds. He also told them to believe in someone else, one who is coming after him, and that person is Jesus."

**John's baptism was a baptism of what?**

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance.

**On whom had John told the people to believe?**

John had told the people to believe on the one who would come after him.

**Acts 19:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And having heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> So when those men heard that, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**In what name did Paul then baptize the disciples from Ephesus?**

Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 19:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid {his} hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> After that, Paul placed his hands on their heads one by one, and the power of the Holy Spirit came upon each of them. The Holy Spirit gave them power to speak in languages that they had not learned, and they also spoke messages that the Holy Spirit told them.

**What happened to the men after they were baptized and Paul laid hands on them?**

The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in other languages and prophesied.

**Acts 19:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And they were about 12 men in all.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men whom Paul baptized and who received the Holy Spirit.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And having gone into the synagogue, he was speaking boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> For three months after that, Paul entered the Jewish meeting place in Ephesus on each Sabbath and taught and persuaded people about Jesus and how God would show himself as king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But when some were hardened and being disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the crowd, having departed from them, he took the disciples with him, reasoning with them each day in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> But some of the Jews would not believe the message and did not want to hear it any more. They said many bad things about what Paul was teaching. So Paul left them and took the believers with him to meet in the meeting place of Tyrannus.

**What did Paul do when some of the Jews in Ephesus began to speak evil of the way of Christ?**

Paul withdrew with the believers and began to speak in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.



**Acts 19:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And this happened for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> For two years Paul taught people there. In this way, most of the Jews and non-Jews who lived in the region of Asia heard the message about the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing not ordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> God also gave Paul the power to do miracles.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs and aprons from his body were taken to the sick and {their} illnesses departed from them, and the evil spirits came out of them.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> If those who were sick could not come to Paul, pieces of cloth that Paul touched would be taken and placed on the sick people. As a result, the sick people would become well, and the evil spirits would leave them.

**What special miracles did God do by the hands of Paul?**

When handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from Paul, they healed the sick and drove out evil spirits.

**Acts 19:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But some traveling Jewish exorcists also tried to call on the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I command you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> There were also some Jews who walked from town to town, and they commanded the evil spirits in those places to depart from people. Some of those Jews told the evil spirits to come out of people by saying "I command you to come out by the power of the Lord Jesus, the man whom Paul teaches about!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And seven certain sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> There were seven men who were doing this. They were sons of a man named Sceva, a Jew, who called himself a chief priest.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But answering, an evil spirit said to them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> But one day as they were doing that, the evil spirit did not come out of that person. Instead, the evil spirit said to them, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but no one has given you power to do anything to me!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit, after leaping on them, overpowering them, prevailed over each of them so that they fled from that house naked and wounded.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> After saying that, suddenly the man who had the evil spirit jumped on the sons of Sceva. He knocked all of them down and hurt each of them. He tore off their clothes and wounded them. They became frightened and ran out of the house.

**What happened when seven Jewish exorcists tried to cast out an evil spirit in the name of Jesus?**

The evil spirit beat up the exorcists and they fled naked and wounded.

**Acts 19:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And this became known to all those living in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> All the people who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and non-Jews, heard what had happened. They became afraid because they saw that the man with the evil spirit was very strong. At the same time, they honored the name of the Lord Jesus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And many of those who believed were coming, confessing and declaring their deeds.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> At that time, while other believers were listening, many believers told about the evil things that they had been doing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And many of those who practiced the magical arts, having brought {their} books together, burned them before everyone. And they counted the value of them, and they found it to be 50,000 pieces of silver.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Some of the people who were sorcerers took their scrolls that told how to work magic and burned them in a place where everyone could see them. When people added up how much the scrolls cost, it came to fifty thousand silver coins.

**In Ephesus, what did many who practiced magical arts do?**

Many who practiced magical arts in Ephesus burned their books in the sight of everyone.

**Acts 19:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord was spreading and prevailing according to power.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> In this way, many people heard the message about the Lord Jesus and believed in him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> Now as soon as this was completed, Paul determined in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia to travel to Jerusalem, having said, "After I have been there, it is necessary for me also to see Rome."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> After Paul completed his work in Ephesus, the Spirit led him to decide to go to Jerusalem, but first he planned to go see the believers in the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Paul said, "After I have been to Jerusalem, I will also go to Rome."

**Where did Paul say he would go after he went to Jerusalem?**

Paul said he would go to Rome after he went to Jerusalem.

**Acts 19:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And having sent to Macedonia two of those helping him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia. But Paul stayed in the city of Ephesus, in the province of Asia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But at about that time, there was no small disturbance concerning the Way.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Soon after that, people in Ephesus began to make a great amount of trouble because of Jesus and the teaching about him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> For a certain silversmith named Demetrius, making silver shrines of Artemis, brought in not a little business for the craftsmen.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> There was a man there whose name was Demetrius. He made statues of the goddess Artemis (who is also known as Diana) out of silver. Demetrius made a lot of money for all the men who made and sold these idols.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And he, having gathered together the workmen of that occupation, said, “Men, you know that our prosperity is from this business.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Demetrius called together the workmen who made the idols. He said to them, “Men, you know that we make a lot of money doing our work.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And you see and hear that, not only at Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded {and} turned away a considerable crowd. He is saying that the things that are being made with hands are not gods.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> You know that Paul has taught many people who live in Ephesus to no longer buy the statues that we make. Now even the people from many other towns in our province no longer want to buy what we make. Paul tells people that the gods that we worship are not gods and that we should not worship them.

**What concerns did the silversmith Demetrius express to the other workmen?**

Demetrius was concerned that Paul was teaching people that there are no gods that are made with hands, and that the goddess Diana might be considered worthless.

**Acts 19:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And not only is this trade in peril for us to come to disrepute, but that even the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be considered as nothing. And indeed, her majesty is about to be destroyed—she whom all Asia and the world worships.”

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> If people listen to him, they will stop our business. People will not think that they should come any longer to the temple of Artemis (also known as Diana) to worship her. People will no longer think that Artemis is great. Yet all the province of Asia and even the whole world worship her!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And having heard this and having become filled with anger, they cried out, saying, “Great {is} Artemis of the Ephesians.”

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> All the men there became angry at Paul when they heard what Demetrius said. They began to shout, “The goddess Artemis of the Ephesians is great!”

**How did the people react to Demetrius’ concerns? (vv28-29)**

The people became angry and cried out saying that Diana was great, filling the whole city with confusion.

**Acts 19:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And the city was filled with confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, having seized Paul’s Macedonian travel companions, Gaius and Aristarchus.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Many of the people in the city became angry at Paul and began shouting. Some of the people took hold of Gaius and Aristarchus, two men from Macedonia who traveled with Paul. Then the whole crowd of people ran, dragging those men along with them, to the city theater.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> But when Paul was desiring to enter in among the people, the disciples did not permit him.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Paul wanted to go into theater to talk to the people, but the other believers would not let him go there.

**Why did Paul not address the crowd, even though he wanted to? (vv30-31)**

The disciples and some local officials did not allow Paul to speak to the crowd.

**Acts 19:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And also, some of the officials of Asia who {were} his friends sent to him exhorted him not to offer himself in the theater.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> Some city rulers who were friends of Paul heard what was happening. They sent someone to tell Paul not to go into the theater.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> So then different ones were shouting a different thing, for the assembly was confused, and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> The crowd of people in the theater kept shouting. Some shouted one thing, and some shouted something else. But most of them did not even know why they were meeting!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And some from the crowd instructed Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned with {his} hand, wanting to give a defense to the assembly.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> One of the Jews there was named Alexander. Some of the Jews pushed him to the front of the crowd so that he could speak to the people. Alexander put his hands up trying to get the crowd to stop shouting. He wanted to tell them that the Jews did not cause the trouble.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 19:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> But when they had become aware that he is a Jew, there was one voice from all of them, as for two hours they are crying out, "Great {is} Artemis of the Ephesians."

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> But many of the non-Jewish people knew that Alexander was a Jew and knew that the Jews did not worship the goddess Artemis. So the non-Jews shouted for two hours, "Great is the goddess Artemis of the Ephesians!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he says, "Men of Ephesus, what man indeed is there who does not know that the city of Ephesus is temple keeper of the great Artemis and of that which is fallen down from heaven?"

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> Then one of the city rulers made the crowd stop shouting. He said to them, "My fellow citizens, everyone in the world knows that the sacred image of our goddess Artemis fell down from heaven!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> So since these things are undeniable, it is necessary for you to be calmed and to do nothing rash.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Everyone knows that, and no one can say that these things are not true. So you should be quiet now. Do not do anything stupid.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> For you brought these men {who are} neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> You should not have brought these two men here, because they have not done anything evil. They have not gone into our temples and taken things from there, and they have not spoken evil of our goddess.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> Therefore, if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a word against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them accuse one another.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow workmen want to accuse anyone of doing anything bad, they should do it in the right way. There are courts that they can go to if they want to, and there are judges who have been chosen by the government. You can accuse anyone there.

**What did the town clerk tell the people to do instead of rioting?**

The town clerk told the people to bring their accusations to the courts.

**Acts 19:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> But if you seek anything about other matters, it will be settled in the regular assembly.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> But if you want to ask about anything else, you should ask for your rulers to take care of it when those rulers come together.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 19:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> For indeed we are in danger of being accused of rioting concerning this day. There is no reason about which we will be able to give an account concerning this disorder." <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> This is not a good meeting! Take care of this trouble the right way because we do not want to go against the government. If the rulers asked me what you were all shouting about, I would not be able to give them a good answer."

**In what danger did the town clerk say the people were?**

The town clerk said that the people were in danger of being accused for being disorderly, and that there was no cause for an explanation.

**Acts 19:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> And having said this, he dismissed the assembly. <sup>[2]</sup>

19:40 <sup>[1]</sup>

19:41 <sup>[2]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> That is what the city ruler said to the crowd. Then he told them all to go home, and they did go to their homes.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 20

### Acts 20:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And after the uproar had ended, Paul summoned the disciples and after he encouraged them {and} said farewell, he departed to go to Macedonia.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After the people at Ephesus had stopped rioting, Paul called the believers together. He urged them to continue to trust in the Lord Jesus. Soon after that, he told them "Goodbye" and left to go to the region of Macedonia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 20:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And when he had gone through those regions and had exhorted them with many words, he came to Greece.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> After he arrived there, he urged them to continue to trust in the Lord Jesus. Then he went to Greece.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 20:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And after he had spent three months there, a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he is about to sail to Syria, so he decided to return through Macedonia.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> He stayed in Greece for three months. Then he planned to return to Syria by ship, but he heard that some of the Jews there were planning to kill him as he traveled. So he decided to go by land, and he went again through Macedonia.

### What caused Paul to change his plans and return through Macedonia instead of sailing for Syria?

Paul changed his plans because the Jews had formed a plot against him as he was about to sail for Syria.

**Acts 20:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And accompanying him {were} Sopater of Pyrrhus from Berea, and Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, and Gaius from Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus, and Trophimus from Asia.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The men who were going to travel with him to Jerusalem were Sopater, the son of Pyrrhus, from the town of Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus, who were from the city of Thessalonica; Gaius, who was from the city of Derbe; Timothy, who was from the region of Galatia; and Tychicus and Trophimus, who were from the province of Asia.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But they had gone before us {and} were waiting for us at Troas.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Those seven men went ahead of Paul and me, Luke, by ship from Macedonia, so they got to the city of Troas before we did and waited for the two of us there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and in five days we came to them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But Paul and I traveled by land as far as the city of Philippi. After the Jewish Festival of Bread made without Yeast, we got on a ship that was going to the city of Troas. After five days we arrived at Troas and met the other men who had traveled ahead of us. Then we all stayed in Troas for seven days.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And on the first of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul spoke to them. He is about to depart the next day, and so he continued {his} message until midnight.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week, we would gather together and we would share a meal together with the other believers. Paul spoke to the believers until midnight. He was planning to leave Troas the next day, so he continued speaking.

**On what day of the week did Paul and the believers gather to break bread?**

On the first day of the week Paul and the believers gathered to break bread.

**Acts 20:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And there were many lamps in the upper room where we were meeting together.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Many oil lamps were burning in the upstairs room in which we had gathered.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And sitting on the window a certain young man named Eutychus, was falling into a deep sleep. As Paul is speaking even longer, having been overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> A young man whose name was Eutychus was there. He was seated on the sill of an open window on the third story of the house. As Paul continued talking for a long time, Eutychus became sleepier and sleepier. Finally, he fell sound asleep. He fell out of the window down to the ground. Some of the believers went down immediately and picked him up. But he was dead.

**What happened to the young man who fell out of the window while Paul was speaking? (vv9-10)**

The young man fell from the third story and was picked up dead, but Paul stretched himself out on him and he came back to life.

**Acts 20:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But having gone down, Paul stretched out on him, and having embraced him, said, "Do not be upset, for his life is in him."

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Paul also went down. He lay down and stretched out on top of the young man and put his arms around him. Then he said to the people who were standing around, "Do not worry; he is alive again!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And when he had gone up and had broken bread and had eaten, he also talked with them much longer until dawn. In this way, he left.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Paul went upstairs again and he prepared a meal and he ate it. Afterwards he talked with the believers until the sun came up. Then he left.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But they brought back the boy alive and were not moderately comforted.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The other people took the young man home, and were greatly comforted because he was alive again.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But we, having gone ahead to the ship, sailed away to Assos, from where we intended to take Paul on board, for thus he had arranged; he himself was intending to go on foot.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> We then went to the ship. But Paul did not get on the ship with us in Troas, because he wanted to go more quickly overland to the town of Assos. The rest of us got on the ship and sailed for Assos.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And when he met us at Assos, taking him on board, we went to Mitylene.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> We met Paul in Assos. He got on the ship with us, and we sailed to the city of Mitylene.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And having sailed from there we arrived the next day opposite Chios. And the following day, we landed at Samos, and the next day, we came to Miletus.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> The day after we reached Mitylene, we sailed from there and arrived at a place near the Island of Chios. The day after that, we sailed to the Island of Samos. The next day we left Samos and sailed to the city of Miletus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be, if it was possible for him, in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Miletus was just south of the city of Ephesus. Paul did not want to stop at Ephesus because he did not want to spend time in Asia. If possible, he wanted to arrive in Jerusalem by the time of the Pentecost festival, and the time of that festival was near.

**Why was Paul hurrying toward Jerusalem?**

Paul was hurrying toward Jerusalem to be there for the day of Pentecost.



**Acts 20:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And from Miletus, having sent to Ephesus, he summoned the elders of the church.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> When the ship arrived at Miletus, Paul sent a messenger to Ephesus to ask the elders of the group of believers there to come to talk with him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day from when I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> When the elders came to him, Paul said to them, "From the first day when I arrived here in the province of Asia until the day I left, you know how I acted among you the entire time that I was with you.

**About what did Paul say he warned both Jews and Greeks since he set foot in Asia?**

Paul said he warned both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 20:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and tears and trials that happened to me in the plots of the Jews;

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> You know how I kept serving the Lord Jesus very humbly and how I sometimes wept. You also know how I suffered because the Jews who were not believers often tried to harm me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> how I kept back nothing that was useful which I did not declare to you, and I taught you in public and according to houses,

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> You also know that, when I preached God's message to you, I never left out anything that would help you. You know that I taught you God's message when many people were present, and I also went to your homes and taught you there.

**About what did Paul say he warned both Jews and Greeks since he set foot in Asia?**

Paul said he warned both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 20:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> testifying to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> I preached both to Jews and to non-Jews, telling them all that they must turn toward God and away from their sinful behavior and believe in our Lord Jesus."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, having been bound by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me in it,

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> "And now I am going to Jerusalem, because the Holy Spirit has clearly shown me that I must go there, and I must obey him. I do not know what will happen to me there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> But I do know that in each city I have visited, the Holy Spirit has told me that in Jerusalem people will put me in prison and will cause me to suffer.

**About what was the Holy Spirit witnessing to Paul in every city as he traveled toward Jerusalem?**

The Holy Spirit was witnessing to Paul that chains and sufferings awaited him.

**Acts 20:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> But I do not consider {my} life to myself the value of a single word, so as to finish my race and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to solemnly testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> But I do not care even if people kill me, if first I am able to finish the work that the Lord Jesus has told me to do. He called me to tell people the good message that God saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve.

**What ministry had Paul received from the Lord Jesus?**

Paul's ministry was to bear witness to the gospel of the grace of God.

**Acts 20:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the kingdom, will see my face no more.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> I have preached to you the message about how God will show himself as king. But now I know that today is the last time that you fellow believers will see me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this present day that I am innocent from the blood of all.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> So I want you all to understand that if anyone who has heard me preach dies without trusting in Jesus, it is not my fault,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> because I told you everything that God has planned for us.

**Why did Paul say he was innocent of the blood of any man?**

Paul said he was innocent of their blood because he had declared to them the whole will of God.

**Acts 20:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> Guard yourselves and all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> You leaders must continue to believe and obey God's message. You must also help all the other believers for whom the Holy Spirit has given you to care for. Watch over yourselves and the group of the Lord's believers as a shepherd watches over his sheep. God bought them with the blood that flowed from his Son's body on the cross.

**What did Paul command the Ephesian elders to do carefully after his departure?**

Paul commanded the elders to shepherd the flock carefully.

**Acts 20:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure, vicious wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> I know very well that after I leave, people who teach lies will come among you and will do great harm to the believers. They will be like fierce wolves that kill the sheep.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> Even from you yourselves, men will arise speaking perverted things to draw away the disciples after them.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Even in your own group of leaders there will be some who will lie to other believers by teaching them the wrong things. They will teach those messages so that some people will believe them and will become their followers.

**What did Paul say would happen among the Ephesian elders after his departure?**

Paul said that some of the elders would say corrupt things in order to draw away disciples after themselves.

**Acts 20:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> So be alert, remembering that for three years I did not stop admonishing each one with tears night and day.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> So watch out that none of you stops believing the true message about our Lord Jesus! Remember that day and night for three years I taught you that message and warned you with tears to be faithful to the Lord."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And now I am entrusting you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> "Now as I leave you I ask God to protect you and to keep you believing the message that he saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve. If you continue believing the message that I told you, you will become strong, and God will give you forever the good things that he has promised to give to all of those who belong to him.

**To whom did Paul entrust the Ephesian elders?**

Paul entrusted the Ephesian elders to God.

**Acts 20:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> As for myself, I never wanted anyone's money or fine clothing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my needs and to those who were with me.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that I have worked with my hands to earn the money that my friends and I needed.

**What example did Paul set for the Ephesians regarding work? (vv34-35)**

Paul worked for his own needs and the needs of those with him, and helped the weak.

**Acts 20:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> In all things, I showed you that in this way it is necessary to work hard to help those who are weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> In everything that I did, I showed you that we should work hard in order to have enough money to give some to those who are needy. We should remember that our Lord Jesus himself said, 'A person is happier when he gives to others than when he receives from them.'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And having said these things, having bowed his knees, he prayed with them all.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of the elders and prayed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> But there was much weeping among them all, and having fallen upon Paul's neck, they were kissing him,

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> They all cried a lot, and they hugged Paul and kissed him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 20:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> grieving mostly because of the word which he had spoken, that they were never going to see his face again. And then they escorted him to the ship.

20:28 <sup>[1]</sup>, this could be translated as

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> They were very sad because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they all went with him to the ship.

**What made the Ephesian elders sad most of all?**

The Ephesian elders were sad most of all because Paul had said they would never see his face again.



## Acts 21

### Acts 21:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that when we set sail, having been torn from them, having run a straight course, we came to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After we said goodbye to the elders from Ephesus, we got on the ship and traveled on the water to the Island of Cos, where the ship stopped for the night. The next day we went in the ship from Cos to the Island of Rhodes, where the ship stopped again. The day after that we went to the town of Patara, where the ship stopped.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 21:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And when we found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, having gone aboard, we set sail.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> At Patara we left that ship, and someone told us that there was a ship that would be going to the region of Phoenicia. So we got on that ship, and it left.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 21:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And having sighting Cyprus and leaving it behind on the left, we sailed on to Syria and landed at Tyre, for the ship was to unload {its} cargo there.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> We traveled over the sea until we could see the Island of Cyprus. We passed to the south of the island and continued sailing until we arrived at the region of Phoenicia, in the province of Syria, at the city of Tyre. The ship was going to stay there several days because its workers had to unload the cargo.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And having found the disciples, we stayed there seven days. Through the Spirit they kept saying to Paul not to go to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Someone told us where the believers in Tyre lived, so we went and stayed with them for seven days. Because God's Spirit revealed to them that people would cause Paul to suffer in Jerusalem, they told Paul that he should not go there.

**What did the disciples in Tyre say to Paul through the Spirit?**

The disciples said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

**Acts 21:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> Now when our days to supply happened, having departed, we went on our way, they all with {their} wives and children accompanying us as far as outside the city. And having knelt down on the shore {and} having prayed,

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But when it was time for the ship to leave again, we prepared to continue on our way to Jerusalem. When we left Tyre, all the men and their wives and children went with us to the edge of the sea. We all knelt down there on the sand and prayed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> we said farewell to each other, and we went up into the ship, and they returned to their own.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> After we all said goodbye, Paul and we his companions got on the ship, and the other believers returned to their own homes.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and having greeted the brothers, we stayed with them for one day.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> After we left Tyre, we continued on that ship to the city of Ptolemais. There were believers there, and we greeted them and stayed with them that night.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And on the next day, having departed, we went to Caesarea and, having entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was from the seven, we stayed with him.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> The next day we left Ptolemais and sailed to the city of Caesarea, where we stayed in the home of Philip, who spent his time telling others how to become followers of Jesus. He was one of the seven men whom the believers in Jerusalem had chosen to care for the widows.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesy.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> He had four daughters who were not married. Each of them frequently spoke messages that the Holy Spirit had told them.

**What do we know about Philip the preacher's children?**

Philip had four virgin daughters that prophesied.

**Acts 21:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And as we stayed there for many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> After we had been in Philip's house for several days, a believer whose name was Agabus came down from the district of Judea and arrived in Caesarea. He frequently spoke messages that the Holy Spirit had told him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And having come to us and having taken Paul's belt, having bound his own feet and hands, he said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt, and they will hand him over into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Coming over to where we were, he took off Paul's belt. Then he tied his own feet and hands with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will tie up the hands and feet of the owner of this belt, like this, and they will put him in the hands of non-Jewish people as a prisoner.'"

**What did Agabus the prophet say to Paul?**

Agabus told Paul that the Jews in Jerusalem would tie up Paul and hand him over to the Gentiles.

**Acts 21:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And when we heard these things, both we and the local people were begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When the rest of us heard that, we and the other believers there asked Paul, "Please do not go up to Jerusalem!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready, not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> But Paul replied, "Please stop crying and trying to discourage me from going! I am willing to go to prison and also to die in Jerusalem because I serve the Lord Jesus."

**What did Paul say when everyone begged him not to go up to Jerusalem?**

Paul said that he was ready to be tied up and to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 21:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But since he would not be persuaded, we remained silent, saying, "Let the will of the Lord happen."

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> When we realized that he would go to Jerusalem, we did not try any longer to stop him. We said, "May the Lord's will be done!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And after having made preparations these days, we went up to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> After those days in Caesarea, we prepared our possessions and left to go by land up to Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And {some} of the disciples from Caesarea also came along with us, bringing us to Mnason, a certain early disciple from Cyprus, with whom we would stay.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Some of the believers from Caesarea also went with us. They took us to stay in the house of a man whose name was Mnason. He was from the Island of Cyprus, and he had believed in Jesus when people were first beginning to hear the message about him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And when we had arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> When we arrived in Jerusalem, a group of the believers greeted us happily.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And the next day Paul went with us to James, and all the elders were present.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The next day Paul and the rest of us went to speak with James, who was the leader of the church there. All of the other leaders of the church in Jerusalem were also there.

**With whom did Paul meet when he arrived in Jerusalem?**

Paul met with James and all the elders.

**Acts 21:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And having greeted them, he reported according to each thing that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Paul greeted them, and then he told them all of the things that God had enabled him to do among the non-Jewish people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And when they heard it, they glorified God and said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads there are who have believed among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> When they heard that, James and the other elders thanked God. Then one of them said to Paul, "Brother, you know that there are very many thousands of us Jewish people here who have believed in the Lord Jesus. Also, you know that we all continue very carefully to obey the laws that Moses gave us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And they have been told about you, that you teach apostasy from Moses to all the Jews who {are} among the Gentiles, telling them not to circumcise {their} children, nor to walk in the customs.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> But our fellow Jewish believers have been told that when you are among non-Jews, you tell the Jewish believers who live there that they should stop obeying the laws of Moses. People say that you tell those Jewish believers not to circumcise their sons and not to practice our other customs. We do not believe that they are telling the truth about you.

**What accusation was being made by the Jews against Paul?**

The Jews were accusing Paul of teaching the Jews who lived among the Gentiles to abandon Moses.

**Acts 21:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> What therefore is it? They will certainly hear that you have come.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But our fellow Jewish believers will hear that you have come, and they will be angry with you. So you need to do something to show them that what they heard about you is not true.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> So do this that we say to you. There are four men with us having a vow from themselves.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So please do what we suggest to you. There are four men among us who have made a vow to God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> Having taken these men, be purified with them, and pay the expenses for them, so that they will shave {their} heads, and then everyone will know that what they have been told about you is false, but that you yourself walk in and obey the law.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Go with these men to the temple and do the ceremonies there necessary for you and them to be able to worship in the temple. Then, when it is time for them to offer the sacrifices, pay for what they offer. After that, they can shave their heads to show that they have done what they said they would do. When people see you in the courts of the temple with those men, they will know that what they have been told about you is not true. Instead, all of them will know that you obey all our Jewish laws.

**Why did James and the elders want Paul to purify himself with the four men who had made a vow?**

They wanted everyone to know that Paul as a Jew also lived so as to keep the law.



**Acts 21:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we sent, having given judgment to keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> As for the non-Jewish believers, we elders here in Jerusalem have talked about which of our laws they should obey, and we wrote them a letter, telling them what we decided. We wrote that they should not eat meat that people have offered as a sacrifice to any idol, that they should not eat blood from animals, and that they should not eat meat from animals that people have killed by strangling them. We also told them that they should not sleep with someone to whom they are not married.”

**What did James say the Gentiles who believed should do?**

James said the Gentiles should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what is strangled, and from fornication.

**Acts 21:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Then Paul, having taken the men the next day, having been purified with them, went into the temple, announcing the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering which was offered for each one of them.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> So Paul agreed to do what they asked, and the next day he took the four men, and together they purified themselves. After that, Paul went to the temple courts and told the priest what day they would finish purifying themselves and when they would offer the animals as sacrifices for each of them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But when the seven days were about to be finished, the Jews from Asia, having seen Paul in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd, and laid {their} hands on him,

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When the seven days for purifying themselves were nearly finished, Paul returned to the temple courtyard. Some Jews from Asia saw him there, and they were very angry at him. They called out to many other Jews who were in the temple courtyard to help them take hold of Paul.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> shouting, "Men of Israel, help us. This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place. And besides, he has both brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> They shouted, "Fellow Israelites, come and help us to punish this man! This is the one who is teaching people wherever he goes that they should despise the Jewish people. He teaches people that they should no longer obey the laws of Moses nor respect this holy temple. He has even brought non-Jews here into the court of our temple, causing this place to become polluted!"

**What accusations did some Jews from Asia make against Paul in the temple?**

The Jews accused Paul of teaching against the law and defiling the temple by bringing Greeks into it.

**Acts 21:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they thought that Paul brought into the temple.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> They said these because they had seen Paul walking around in Jerusalem with Trophimus, who was a non-Jew, from Ephesus. Their laws did not permit non-Jews to be in the temple, and they thought that Paul had brought Trophimus into the temple courtyard that day.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And the whole city was stirred up, and there became a mob of the people, and having laid hold of Paul, they dragged him outside the temple, and the doors were immediately shut.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> People all over the city heard that there was trouble at the temple courtyard, and they came running there. They caught Paul and dragged him outside of the temple area. The gates to the temple courtyard were shut, so that the people would not riot inside the temple area.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And as they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the guard that all Jerusalem was stirred up.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> While they were trying to kill Paul, someone ran to the fortress near the temple and told the Roman commander that many people in Jerusalem were rioting at the temple.

**After making these accusations, what did the Jews do to Paul?**

The Jews dragged Paul out of the temple and tried to kill him.

**Acts 21:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Right away, having taken soldiers and centurions, he ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> The commander quickly took some officers and a large group of soldiers and ran to the temple area where the crowd was. When the crowd of people who were yelling and beating Paul saw the commander and the soldiers coming, they stopped beating him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> Then, having approached him, the commander laid hold of him and commanded him to be bound with two chains. And then he asked who he is and what it is that he had done.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> The commander came to where Paul was and took hold of him. He commanded soldiers to fasten a chain to each of Paul's arms. Then he asked the people in the crowd, "Who is this man, and what has he done?"

**What did the chief captain of the guard do when he heard that Jerusalem was in an uproar?**

The chief captain laid hold on Paul and had him bound with two chains, asking who he was and what he had done.

**Acts 21:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> But different ones in the crowd were shouting different things. But he, not being able to find out anything for certain because of the noise, commanded that he be brought into the fortress.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> Some of the many people there were shouting one thing, and some were shouting something else. Because they continued shouting so loudly, the commander could not understand what they were saying. So he commanded that Paul be taken into the fortress so that he could question him there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> But when he came to the steps, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> The soldiers led Paul to the steps of the fortress, but many people continued to follow them, trying to kill Paul. So the commander told the soldiers to carry Paul up the steps into the fortress.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> For the crowd of people followed after, shouting out, "Away with him!"

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> The crowd that followed kept shouting, "Kill him! Kill him!"

**What was the crowd shouting as the soldiers carried Paul into the fortress?**

The crowd was shouting, "Away with him!"

**Acts 21:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And as Paul is about to be brought into the fortress, he says to the commander, "If it is permitted for me to say something to you ...?" But he replied, "Do you know Greek?"

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> As Paul was about to be taken into the fortress, he said in Greek to the commander, "May I speak to you?" The commander said, "I am surprised that you can speak Greek!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> Are you not then the Egyptian who before this day revolted and led the 4,000 men of the 'Assassins' out into the wilderness?"

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> I thought that you were that fellow from Egypt who wanted to rebel against the government not long ago, and who took four thousand violent men with him out into the desert, so that we could not catch him."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 21:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> But Paul said, "I am a Jewish man from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of a not insignificant city. And I ask you, allow me to speak to the people."

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> Paul answered, "No, I am not! I am a Jew. I was born in Tarsus, which is an important city in the province of Cilicia. I request that you let me speak to the people."

**What request did Paul make to the chief captain?**

Paul requested that he be allowed to speak to the people.

**Acts 21:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with {his} hand to the people. And when there was a deep silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> Then the commander permitted Paul to speak. So Paul stood on the steps and motioned with his hand for the crowd to be quiet. And after the people in the crowd became quiet, Paul spoke to them in their own Hebrew language.

**In what language did Paul speak to the people of Jerusalem?**

Paul spoke in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem.

**Acts 22****Acts 22:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> “Men, brothers, and fathers, listen to my defense to you now.”

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Paul said, “Jewish elders and my fellow Jews, listen to me now while I speak to those who are accusing me!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And when they heard that he was speaking to them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said,

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> When the crowd of people heard Paul speaking to them in their own Hebrew language, they became quiet and listened. Then Paul said to them,

**When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, what did they do?**

When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, they became quiet.

**Acts 22:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> “I am a Jewish man, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but educated in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict ways of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> “I am a Jew, as are all of you. I was born in the city of Tarsus, in the province of Cilicia, but I grew up here in Jerusalem. When I was young, I learned the laws that Moses gave to our ancestors. Gamaliel was my teacher. I obeyed those laws because I have wanted to obey God, and I am sure that all of you also obey those laws.

**Where was Paul educated, and who was his teacher?**

Paul was educated in Jerusalem, and Gamaliel was his teacher.

**Acts 22:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> I persecuted this Way as far as death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> That is why I tried to arrest those who believed the message of God about Jesus. I looked for ways to kill them. Whenever I found men or women who believed the message, I had them thrown into jail.

**How had Paul treated those who were following the Way?**

Paul had persecuted to death those who were following the Way, and had delivered them into prison.

**Acts 22:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> as also the high priest testifies for me, and all the elders from whom also having received letters to the brothers in Damascus, I was going there indeed to bring back in bonds to Jerusalem those who were there in order that they might be punished.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> The high priest knows this, and so do the other men who belong to our Jewish council. They gave me letters to take to their fellow Jews in the city of Damascus. Those letters gave me power to go there and arrest people who believed in Jesus. I was then to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem, so that they would be punished here.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And it happened to me that, traveling and nearing Damascus, about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> So I went to Damascus. About noon, as I got near to Damascus, suddenly a bright light from the sky flashed all around me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 22:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> The light was so bright that I fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me from up in the sky, saying, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you do things to hurt me?'

**What did the voice from heaven say to Paul as he neared Damascus?**

The voice from heaven said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

**Acts 22:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And so I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' He replied, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth the one whom you are hurting.'

**Who was Paul persecuting?**

Paul was persecuting Jesus of Nazareth.

**Acts 22:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But those who were with me saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> The men who were traveling with me saw the bright light, but they did not understand what the voice said.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But I said, 'What should I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Having arisen, go into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything that has been appointed for you to do.'

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then I asked, 'Lord, what do you want me to do?' The Lord told me, 'Get up and go into Damascus. A man there will tell you all that I have planned for you to do.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And when I could not see because of the glory of that light, being led by the hands by those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> After that, I could not see, because the bright light had caused me to become blind. So the men who were with me took me by the hand and led me to Damascus.

**Why could Paul no longer see?**

Paul could no longer see because of the brightness of the light that he saw as he neared Damascus.

**Acts 22:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, being testified to by all the Jews who lived there,

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> A man whose name was Ananias came to see me. He was a man who honored God and obeyed the Jewish laws. All the Jews living in Damascus said good things about him.

**How was Paul's sight restored? (vv12-13)**

A devout man named Ananias came and stood by Paul and said, "Brother Saul, receive your sight".

**Acts 22:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> came to me and having stood by me, said to me, 'Saul, brother, look up.' And that very hour I looked up to him.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> He came and stood beside me and said to me, 'My friend Saul, see again!' Instantly I could see and I saw him standing beside me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear the voice from his own mouth,

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then he said: 'The God whom we worship and whom our ancestors worshiped has chosen you and will show you what he wants you to do. He has shown you the righteous one, Jesus the Messiah, and you have heard him speak to you himself.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> for you will be a witness for him to all men about what you have seen and heard.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> He wants you to tell people everywhere what you have seen and heard from him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And now why are you waiting? Having arisen, be baptized, and wash away your sins, having called on his name.'

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> So now do not delay! Stand up, let me baptize you, and pray to the Lord Jesus and ask God to forgive you for your sins!"

**What did Ananias tell Paul to arise and do, and why?**

Ananias told Paul to arise and be baptized to wash away his sins.

**Acts 22:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And it happened to me that when I had returned to Jerusalem and I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> "Later, I returned to Jerusalem. One day I went to the temple courtyard and while I was praying there, I saw a vision.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And I saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and go away from Jerusalem in haste, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord spoke to me, saying, 'Do not stay here! Leave Jerusalem now, because the people here will not believe what you tell them about me!'

**When Jesus spoke to Paul in the temple, how did he say the Jews would react to Paul's testimony about him?**

Jesus said that the Jews would not accept Paul's testimony about him.

**Acts 22:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that I was imprisoning and beating those who believed in you according to the synagogues.'

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But I said to him, 'Lord, they know that I went to many of our synagogues looking for people who believe in you. I was putting in jail those whom I found who believed in you, and I was even beating them.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And when the blood of Stephen your witness was spilled, I myself also was standing by and agreeing, and guarding the outer garments of those who killed him.'

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> They remember that when Stephen was killed because he told people about you, I stood there watching and approving of what they were doing. I even guarded the outer clothes that those who were murdering him had thrown aside!'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But he said to me, 'Go, because I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> But the Lord said to me, 'No, do not stay here! Leave Jerusalem, because I am going to send you far away from here to other people groups, the non-Jews!'"

**To whom did Jesus then send Paul?**

Jesus sent Paul to the Gentiles.

**Acts 22:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And they listened to him until this word, and then they lifted up their voice, saying, "Remove such a one from the earth, for it is not right for him to live."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> The people listened to what Paul was saying until he talked about the Lord sending him to other people groups. Then they began shouting, "Kill him! He does not deserve to live any longer!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And as they were shouting and throwing off {their} outer garments, and throwing dust into the air,

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> While they were shouting, they took off their outer garments and threw dust into the air, which showed how angry they were.

**How did the people react when they heard Paul speaking about the Gentiles?**

The people shouted and threw off their garments, throwing dust in the air.

**Acts 22:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> the commander commanded him to be brought in to the fortress, commanding him to be examined by flogging, so that he might know for what reason they were shouting against him like that.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> So the leader commanded that Paul be taken into the prison. He told the soldiers that they should whip Paul in order to make him tell what he had done that made the Jews so angry.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But when they had stretched him out for the whip, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "If it is lawful for you to whip a man who is a Roman and uncondemned ...?"

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Then they stretched his arms out and tied them so that they could whip him on his back. But Paul said to the soldier near him, "You will be acting unlawfully if you whip me, a Roman citizen whom no one has put on trial and condemned!"

**What question did Paul ask the centurion just before Paul was to be scourged?**

Paul asked if it was lawful for him to be scourged as an uncondemned Roman citizen.

**Acts 22:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And when the centurion heard this, having gone to the commander, he reported, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman."

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> When the officer heard that, he went to the commander and reported it to him. He said to the commander, "This man is a Roman citizen! Surely you would not command us to whip him!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And so, having come, the commander said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> The commander was surprised when he heard that. He himself went into the prison and said to Paul, "Tell me, are you really a Roman citizen?" Paul answered, "Yes, I am."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And the commander answered, "I bought this citizenship with a large amount of money." But Paul said, "I, however, was indeed born {as one}."

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then the commander said, "I am also a Roman citizen. I paid a lot of money to become a Roman citizen." Paul said, "But I was born a Roman citizen."

**How had Paul become a Roman citizen?**

Paul had been born a Roman citizen.

**Acts 22:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Then those who were about to examine him drew back from him immediately, and the commander also was afraid, having learned that he was a Roman, and that he had bound him.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> The soldiers were about to whip Paul and to ask him questions about what he had done. But when they heard what Paul said, they left him. The commander also became afraid, because he knew that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had broken the law when he commanded the soldiers to tie up Paul's hands.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 22:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And on the next day, wanting to know for certain that which he was being accused by the Jews, he released him and commanded the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. And having brought down Paul, he placed him among them.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> The commander still wanted to know why the Jews were accusing Paul. So the next day he told the soldiers to take the chains off Paul. He also called the chief priests and the other council members to meet. Then he took Paul to where the council was meeting and told him to stand before them.

**What did the chief captain do when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen?**

The chief captain untied Paul's bonds, and ordered the chief priests and all the council to meet, placing Paul in their midst.



**Acts 23****Acts 23:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And having looked directly at the Sanhedrin, Paul said, "Men, brothers, I have lived as a citizen before God in all good conscience until this day."

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Paul looked at the Jewish council members and said: "My fellow Jews, all my life I have lived respecting our God, and I do not know of anything that I have done that I knew was wrong."

**Why did the high priest command those who stood by Paul to strike him on the mouth?  
(vv1-2)**

The high priest was angry because Paul said he had lived before God in all good conscience.

**Acts 23:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> But the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> When Ananias the high priest heard what Paul said, he told the men who were standing near Paul to hit him on the mouth.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, "God is about to strike you, you whitewashed wall. And do you sit judging me by the law, yet command me to be struck, against the law?"

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to Ananias, "God will punish you for that, you hypocrite! You sit there and judge me, using the laws that God gave Moses. But you yourself disobey those laws, because you commanded me to be struck without having proved that I have done anything that is wrong!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> But those who stood by said, "Are you insulting the high priest of God?"

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The men who were standing near Paul said to him, "You should not speak badly to God's servant, our high priest!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he is a high priest. For it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people."

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Paul replied, "My fellow Jews, I am sorry that I said that. I did not know that the man who told one of you to hit me is the high priest. If I had known that, I would not have talked badly about our high priest, because I know that it is written in our Jewish law, 'Do not speak evil of any of your rulers!'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But when Paul realized that the one group was Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he shouted in the Sanhedrin, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am being judged concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Paul knew that some of the council members were Sadducees and others were Pharisees. So he called out in the council hall, "My fellow Jews, I am a Pharisee, and all in my family were Pharisees, as well. I have been put on trial here because I am sure that one day God will cause those who have died to become alive again."

**For what reason did Paul say he was being judged before the council?**

Paul said he was being judged because of his confidence in the resurrection.

**Acts 23:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And when he said this, an argument began between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the crowd was divided.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> When he said that, the Pharisees and Sadducees started to argue with one another about whether or not people who have died will become alive again, and each of them were arguing with the other.

**Why did an argument begin in the council when Paul gave his reason for being judged? (vv7-8)**

An argument began because the Pharisees say there is a resurrection, but the Sadducees say there is no resurrection.

**Acts 23:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, nor angels, nor spirits, but the Pharisees confess all of them.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> The Sadducees believe that after people die, they will not become alive again. They also believe that there are no angels and no other kinds of spirits. But the Pharisees believe all these things.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And so a large uproar occurred, and some of the scribes of the group of the Pharisees, having arisen, contended, saying, "We find nothing evil in this man. But what if a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel?"

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> They began shouting at one another as they argued. Some of the teachers of the laws who were Pharisees stood up. One of them said, "We think that this man has done nothing wrong. Maybe an angel or some other spirit spoke to him and what he says is true."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And when a great argument happened, the commander, having feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down to seize him by force from the midst of them, and to bring him into the fortress.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then the Pharisees and Sadducees became violent with one another. So the commander was afraid that they would tear Paul to pieces. He told soldiers to go down from the prison and take Paul away from the council members and bring him up into the barracks.

**Why did the chief captain take Paul from the council to the fortress?**

The chief captain feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by the council members.

**Acts 23:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But the following night the Lord, having stood beside him, said, "Have courage, for as you have testified to things concerning me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary also for you to testify in Rome."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> That night, Paul saw the Lord Jesus come and stand near him. The Lord said to him, "Have courage! You have told people here in Jerusalem about me, and you must tell people in Rome about me too."

**What promise did the Lord give Paul the following night?**

The Lord told Paul to not fear because he would bear witness in Jerusalem and in Rome.

**Acts 23:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And when it became day, the Jews, having formed a conspiracy, cursed themselves, saying neither to eat nor to drink until they had killed Paul.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The next morning some of the Jews who hated Paul met and talked about how to kill him. They told themselves that they would not eat or drink anything until he was dead. They asked God to curse them if they did not do what they promised.

**What pact concerning Paul did some Jewish men make? (vv12-13)**

About forty Jewish men made a pact that they would not eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

**Acts 23:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And there were more than 40 who had formed this conspiracy.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> There were more than forty men who wanted to kill Paul.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> They, having gone to the chief priests and the elders, said, "We have cursed ourselves with a curse, to eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> They went to the chief priests and Jewish elders and told them, "God has heard us promise that we will not eat or drink anything until we have killed Paul.

**What was the plan the forty Jewish men presented to the chief priests and elders?  
(vv14-15)**

They asked the chief priests and elders to have Paul brought to the council so they could kill Paul before he arrived.

**Acts 23:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> Now, therefore, you along with the Sanhedrin report to the commander as if you are going to examine more seriously the things concerning him, so that he will bring him down to you. But we are ready to kill him before his arrival."

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> So we request that you go to the commander and ask him, on behalf of the whole Jewish council, to bring Paul down to us. Tell the commander that you want to talk to Paul some more. We will be waiting to kill Paul while he is on the way here."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But having heard of the ambush, the son of the sister of Paul went and, having entered into the fortress, reported this to Paul.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> But the son of Paul's sister heard what they were planning to do, so he went into the fortress and told Paul.

**How did Paul learn about the plan of the forty Jewish men?**

Paul's sister's son heard of the plan and told Paul.

**Acts 23:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And so, having called one of the centurions, Paul said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to report to him."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> When Paul heard that, he called one of the officers and said to him, "Please take this young man to the commander, because he needs to tell him something."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> So having taken him, he brought him to the commander and said, "The prisoner, Paul, having summoned me, asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> So the officer took the young man to the commander. The officer said to the commander, "The prisoner Paul called me and said, 'Please take this young man to the commander, because he needs to tell him something.'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> So the commander, having taken hold of his hand and having withdrawn to a private place, asked him, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> The commander took the young man by the hand, led him off by himself, and asked him, "What do you need to tell me?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> So then he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you that tomorrow you might bring Paul down to the Sanhedrin, as if they were going to inquire something more concerning him.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> He said, "There are some Jews who want to bring Paul before their council tomorrow. They will say that they want to ask him some more questions. But that is not true.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> Therefore you should not be persuaded by them, because more than 40 from these men lie in wait for him, who have cursed themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him. Even now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Do not do what they ask you to do, because there are more than forty Jewish men who will be hiding and waiting to kill Paul when he passes by on the way to the council. They even promised to God that they will not eat or drink anything until they have killed Paul. They are ready to do it, and right now they are waiting for you to agree to do what they are asking you to do."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> So the commander dismissed the young man, having commanded him, "Tell no one that you have reported these things to me."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> The commander said to the young man, "Do not tell anyone that you have told me about their plan." Then he sent the young man away.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And having summoned a certain two of the centurions, he said, "Prepare 200 soldiers so that they might go as far as Caesarea, and 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen from the third hour of the night,

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Then the commander called two of his officers and told them, "Get a group of two hundred soldiers ready to travel. Take along seventy soldiers riding horses, and two hundred other soldiers carrying spears. All of you must be ready to leave at nine o'clock tonight, to go down to the city of Caesarea.

**How did the chief captain respond when he learned the plan of the forty Jewish men?  
(vv23-24)**

The chief captain ordered a large guard to take Paul safely to Felix the governor at the third hour of the night.

**Acts 23:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> and provide animals in order to, having set Paul on them, take him safely to Felix the governor."

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> And take along horses for Paul to ride, and escort him to the palace of Governor Felix."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 23:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Then he wrote a letter, having this form:

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Then the commander wrote a letter to send to the governor. This is what he wrote:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> "Claudius Lysias to the most excellent Governor Felix, greetings.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> "I am Claudius Lysias writing to you. You, Felix, are our governor whom we honor, and I send you my greetings.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> This man, having been seized by the Jews and about to be killed by them, having come with detachment of soldiers, I rescued, having learned that he is a Roman.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> I have sent you this man, Paul, because certain Jews seized him and were about to kill him. But I heard someone tell me that he is a Roman citizen, so I and my soldiers went and rescued him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And wanting to know the charge with which they accused him, I took him down to their Sanhedrin.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> I wanted to know what those Jews were saying that he had done wrong, so I took him to their Jewish council.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> I learned that he was being accused concerning questions of their own law, but there was no accusation worthy of death or imprisonment.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> I listened while they asked this man questions and he answered them. The things they accused him about had to do with their Jewish laws. But Paul has not disobeyed any of our Roman laws. So our officials should not execute him or even put him in prison.

**In his letter to Felix the governor, what did the chief captain say about the accusations against Paul?**

The chief captain said Paul did not deserve death or imprisonment, but that the accusations were about questions concerning Jewish law.

**Acts 23:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And when a plot was to be against the man was revealed to me, immediately I sent him to you, also having commanded {his} accusers to speak against him in your {presence}."

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Someone told me that some Jews were planning to kill this man, so I sent him to you, so that you may give him a fair trial there. I have also commanded the Jews who have accused him to go there to Caesarea and tell you what they are accusing him about. Goodbye."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> So the soldiers, according to what had been commanded to them, having taken Paul, brought him by night to Antipatris.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> So the soldiers did what the commander told them. They got Paul and took him with them during the night down to Antipatris.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And on the next day, having allowed the horsemen to continue with him, they returned to the fortress.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> The next day, the foot soldiers returned to Jerusalem, and the soldiers who rode horses went on with Paul.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> When they had entered into Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> When they arrived in the city of Caesarea, they gave the letter to the governor, and they placed Paul before him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And when he had read the letter and had asked what province he was from, and had learned that {he was} from Cilicia,

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> The governor read the letter and then he said to Paul, "What province are you from?" Paul answered, "I am from Cilicia."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 23:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> he said, "I will hear you fully when your accusers also may come here," having commanded him to be kept in the palace of Herod.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> Then the governor said, "When the people who have accused you arrive, I will listen to what each of you says and then I will judge your case." Then he commanded that Paul be guarded in the palace that King Herod the Great had built.

**When did Felix the governor say he would hear Paul's case?**

Felix said he would hear Paul's case when Paul's accusers arrived.

**Where was Paul kept until his trial?**

Paul was kept in Herod's palace until his trial.

**Acts 24****Acts 24:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And after five days, Ananias, the high priest, with certain elders, and an orator, a certain Tertullus, came down, who appeared to the governor against Paul.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Five days later Ananias the high priest went down there from Jerusalem, along with some other Jewish elders and a speechmaker whose name was Tertullus. There they told the governor what Paul had done that they thought was wrong.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "We have obtained great peace through you, and good reforms have happened to {our} nation through your foresight;

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> The governor commanded Paul to be brought in. When Paul arrived, Tertullus began to accuse him. He said to the governor, "Honorable Governor Felix, during the many years that you have ruled us, we have lived well. By planning wisely, you have improved many things in this province.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> both in every way and everywhere we acknowledge this, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, Governor Felix, we always thank you for everything that you have done for all of us, wherever you have done those things.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> However, in order that we may not bother you any longer, I beg you to briefly listen to us in your kindness.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> But, so that I will not take up too much of your time, I ask that you kindly listen to what I have to say.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> For we have found this man to be a troublemaker and inciting rebellion among all the Jews who {are} throughout the world. Also, he is a leader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> We have observed that this man, wherever he goes, causes trouble with the Jews. He also leads the entire group whom people call the followers of the Nazarene.

**Of what sect did Tertullus say Paul was a leader?**

Tertullus said Paul was a leader of the Nazarene sect.

**What accusations did the orator Tertullus bring against Paul? (vv5-6)**

Tertullus accused Paul of causing the Jews to rebel and desecrating the temple.

**Acts 24:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> He even tried to desecrate the temple, and so we arrested him. <sup>[1]</sup> [We wanted to judge him according to our law.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> He even tried to do things in the temple in Jerusalem that would pollute it, so we arrested him. <sup>[1]</sup> [And we wanted to judge him according to our law.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:7****ULT**

<sup>7[2]</sup> But Lysias, the officer, having come, took him by force out of our hands,

**UST**

<sup>7[2]</sup> But Lysias, the commander of the Roman fortress, came with his soldiers and took him away from us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:8****ULT**

<sup>8[3]</sup> commanding his accusers to come to you.] Having inquired from him about all these matters, you yourself will be able to learn of what we are accusing him.”

**UST**

<sup>8[3]</sup> sending us to you.] If you question him yourself, you will be able to learn that all these things about which we are accusing him are true.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the Jews also agreed, affirming that these charges were so.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Then the Jewish leaders there told the governor that what Tertullus had said was true.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And the governor having motioned for him to speak, Paul answered, “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I gladly make my defense about the things concerning me.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then the governor motioned with his hand to Paul that he should speak. So Paul replied, and said, “Governor Felix, I know that you have judged this Jewish province for many years. Therefore I gladly defend myself. I know that you will listen to me and will judge me fairly.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> You are able to find out that it has not been more than 12 days from when I went up to worship in Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> You know that it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And they found me neither in the temple arguing with anyone, nor causing a rebellion of the crowd, neither in the synagogues, nor throughout the city.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> No one can say that they saw me arguing with anyone in the temple courts because I did not do that. No one can say that they saw me causing people to riot in any Jewish synagogue or causing trouble anywhere else in Jerusalem, because I did not do that.

**What did Paul say he had done in the temple, synagogues, and city?**

Paul said he had not argued with anyone and had not stirred up a crowd.

**Acts 24:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And they are not able to prove to you about that which they are now accusing me.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> So they cannot prove to you the things about which they are now accusing me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 24:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But I confess this to you, that according to the Way that they call a sect, in that way I serve the God of our fathers, faithful to all that is according to the law and that has been written in the prophets.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> But I admit to you that this is true: I do worship the God that our ancestors worshiped. It is true that I follow the way that Jesus taught us. I also believe everything that Moses wrote in the laws that God gave him and everything that the other prophets wrote in their books.

**To what did Paul say he was faithful?**

Paul said he was faithful to all that is in the law and the writings of the prophets.

**Acts 24:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> I have the hope in God which also these men themselves accept, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> I believe, just like these men also believe, that some day God will cause everyone who has died to become alive again, both those who were good and those who were wicked.

**What hope did Paul share with the Jews accusing him?**

They shared the same confidence in God about the coming resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous dead.

**Acts 24:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> In this also I myself always strive to have a blameless conscience before God and men.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Because I believe that day will come, I always try to do what pleases God and what other people think is right.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Now after many years, I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> After I had been in other places for several years, I returned to Jerusalem to bring some money to my fellow Jews who are poor.

**Why did Paul say he had come to Jerusalem?**

Paul said he had come to bring help to his nation and gifts of money.

**Acts 24:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> They found me in this, having been cleansed in the temple, not with a crowd nor with an uproar.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Some Jews from Asia saw me in the temple courts after I had completed the ritual that allows one to worship God. There was no crowd with me, and I was not causing people to riot.

**What did Paul say he was doing in the temple when he was found by certain Jews from Asia?**

Paul said he was in a purification ceremony when he was found.

**Acts 24:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But there are certain Jews from Asia who ought to be present before you and to make accusations, if they have anything against me.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But it was those Jews who caused the people to riot. They should be here in front of you to accuse me, if they think that I did something wrong.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> Or let these here say what wrong they found when I stood before the Sanhedrin,

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> But if they do not want to do that, these Jewish men who are here should tell you what they think I did that was wrong when I defended myself in their council.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> other than about this one thing that I shouted when I stood among them, 'I am being judged before you today concerning the resurrection of the dead.'"

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> They might say that I did something wrong when I shouted, 'You are judging me today because I believe that God will cause all people who have died to become alive again.'"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And then Felix, more accurately knowing the things concerning the Way, adjourned them, saying, "When Lysias the commander may come down, I will decide the things concerning you."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Felix already knew much about what people called the Way, and so he stopped the trial. He said to them, "Later, when Commander Lysias comes down here, I will decide this case."

**About what was the governor Felix well informed?**

The governor Felix was well informed about the Way.

**When did Felix say he would decide Paul's case?**

Felix said he would decide Paul's case when Lusias the commander came from Jerusalem.

**Acts 24:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> He had commanded the centurion for him to be kept in custody, but to have rest, and not to forbid his own friends to minister to him.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Then he told the officer who was guarding Paul to take Paul back to the prison and make sure that Paul was guarded all the time. But he said that Paul was not to be chained, and if his friends came to visit him, the officer should allow them to help Paul in any way that they wanted to.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> But after some days, having returned with Drusilla, his own wife, who was a Jewess, Felix summoned Paul and he heard him concerning the faith in Christ Jesus.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Several days later Felix came back with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jew, and called for Paul to speak with him. Felix listened to what Paul said to him about trusting in Jesus the Messiah.

**After some days, about what did Paul tell Felix? (vv24-25)**

Paul told Felix about faith in Christ Jesus, righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment.

**Acts 24:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But as he is reasoning with him about righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment that is coming, Felix, having become frightened, answered, "Go away for now. But having found time, I will summon you."

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Paul talked to him about what God wants people to do in order to please him. He also explained how people should control how they act and that there would be a time when God will judge all people. Felix became afraid after hearing those things, so he said to Paul, "That is all I want to hear now. When I have time, I will ask you to come to me again."

**How did Felix react after he heard Paul?**

Felix became fearful and asked Paul to go away for the present.

**Acts 24:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> At the same time, he also is hoping that money will be given to him by Paul, and therefore often summoning him, he was speaking to him.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Felix was hoping that Paul would give him some money, so he sent for Paul to come to him many times. Paul talked with Felix many times, but he did not give Felix any money, and Felix did not tell his soldiers to release Paul from prison.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 24:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But when two years had passed, Felix received a successor—Porcius Festus. But wanting to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

24:6 <sup>[1]</sup>

24:7 <sup>[2]</sup>

24:8 <sup>[3]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When two years had passed, Porcius Festus became governor in place of Felix. Felix let Paul remain in prison because he wanted to please the Jewish leaders.

24:6 <sup>[1]</sup>

24:7 <sup>[2]</sup>

24:8 <sup>[3]</sup>

**After two years, why did Felix leave Paul under guard when the new governor came?**

Felix left Paul under guard because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.

**Acts 25****Acts 25:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> Festus, then, having arrived in the province, after three days, went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Festus began to rule as governor of the province. Three days later, he left the city of Caesarea and went up to Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> Both the chief priests and the most prominent of the Jews made clear to him {the things} against Paul, and they begged him,

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> There, the chief priests and other Jewish leaders stood before Festus and said that Paul had done things that were very wrong.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> requesting a favor against him—that he might summon him to Jerusalem—for an ambush was forming to kill him along the way.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> They urgently asked Festus to bring Paul to trial in Jerusalem. But they were really planning to attack him on the road and kill him.

**What favor did the chief priest and the prominent Jews ask of Festus?**

They asked Festus to call Paul to Jerusalem so that they could kill Paul along the way.

**Acts 25:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> So Festus answered that Paul was being held at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to go there in haste.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Festus replied, "Paul is under guard in Caesarea, let him stay there. I myself will go down to Caesarea very soon."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> He said, "Therefore, the leaders among you, having come down together, if there is something wrong with the man, let them accuse him."

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> "So," he said, "you should go there with me, those of you who are able to. If you have anything to accuse Paul of, you can do it there."

**What did Festus tell the chief priest and the prominent Jews to do?**

Festus told them to go to Caesarea, where Festus was going, and that they could accuse Paul there.

**Acts 25:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And after he had stayed with them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. The next day, having sat in the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought to him.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Festus remained in Jerusalem with the temple leaders eight or ten more days. Then he went back down to the city of Caesarea. The next day Festus commanded that Paul be brought to him, where he sat in the judge's seat.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And when he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges which they were not able to prove,

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> After Paul was brought before the judge's seat, the Jewish leaders who had come down from Jerusalem gathered around him to accuse him of many serious charges, but they were not able to prove any of them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Paul, saying in defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned in anything."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then Paul spoke for himself. He said, "I have done nothing against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against the emperor."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But Festus, wanting to do a favor for the Jews, answering Paul, said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and to be judged there before me about these things?"

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> But Festus wanted to please the Jewish leaders, so he asked Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem so I can judge you there about these things?"

**While judging Paul's case in Caesarea, what question did Festus ask Paul?**

Festus asked Paul if he wanted to go up to Jerusalem and be judged there.

**Why did Festus ask Paul this question?**

Festus asked Paul this question because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.



**Acts 25:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> But Paul said, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where it is necessary for me to be judged. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Paul replied, "No, I am now standing before you, who represent the Emperor. This is where I ought to be judged. I have done nothing wrong to the Jewish people, as you know very well.

**What was Paul's response to Festus' question?**

Paul said that he stood before the judgment seat of Caesar where he must be judged.

**Acts 25:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, if I have done wrong and have done anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which they can accuse me, no one is able to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> If I had done anything deserving of death, I would not refuse to to die; but there is nothing that they accuse me of that deserves such a punishment. No one can condemn me just to satisfy them. I ask that Caesar himself judge me."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Then, after having talked with the council, Festus answered, "To Caesar you have appealed. To Caesar you will go!"

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> After Festus conferred with his advisors, he said, "You have appealed to Caesar, and so to Caesar you shall go!"

**What did Festus decide to do with Paul's case?**

Festus decided that since Paul had called upon Caesar, then he would go to Caesar.

**Acts 25:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Now after some days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice, having come down to Caesarea, paid their respects to Festus.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> After several days, King Herod Agrippa arrived at Caesarea, along with his sister Bernice. They had come to pay their respects to Festus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And while they were staying there for many days, Festus presented to the king the things concerning Paul, saying, "There is a certain man who has been left behind by Felix, a prisoner.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> King Agrippa and Bernice stayed many days in Caesarea. After some time had passed, Festus told Agrippa about Paul. He said, "There is a man here whom Felix kept in prison.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges concerning him, requesting a judgment against him.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and the Jewish elders came before me and asked me to condemn him to death.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> I replied to them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man, or before the one who is accused may have {his} accusers face to face and receives an opportunity of a defense concerning the accusation.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> But I told them that when someone has been accused of a serious crime, it is not a custom for Romans to condemn a person immediately. Instead, we allow the accused man to stand face to face with his accusers and defend himself against what they say about him.

**What did Festus say was the legal custom with the Romans regarding people charged with crimes?**

Festus said that the Romans gave the accused person an opportunity to face his accusers and to make a defense against the charges.

**Acts 25:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, when they had come together here, causing no delay, the next day, having sat in the judgment seat, I commanded the man to be brought in.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> So when those Jews came here to Caesarea, I did not delay the trial at all. The day after they arrived, I sat in the judge's seat and ordered the guard to bring in the prisoner.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> When the accusers had stood up, they brought no charge concerning him of evil which I expected.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> But when the Jewish leaders told me what the prisoner had done wrong, I did not think that anything they said was serious.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Instead, they had certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who was dead, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Instead, what they argued with him about were things in their own religion and about a man whose name was Jesus who had died, but whom Paul said was alive.

**What charges did Festus say the Jews had brought against Paul?**

Festus said that the charges involved certain disputes about their religion and about a certain Jesus who was dead, but Paul claimed to be alive.

**Acts 25:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And so I am uncertain about the things concerning this matter. I asked if he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there to be judged concerning these things.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> I did not understand these matters, or how to find out the truth. So I asked Paul, 'Are you willing to go to Jerusalem, so I can judge you there about these things?'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But when Paul had appealed for him to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept until when I might send him to Caesar."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> But Paul asked for Caesar himself to judge his case, so I ordered him to be kept under guard until I could send him to Casear."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Agrippa replied to Festus, "I, myself, also was wanting to hear this man." "Tomorrow," he says, "you will hear him."

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I myself would like to hear what this man has to say." Festus answered, "I will arrange for you to hear him tomorrow."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> So on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice having come with much ceremony, and having entered into the hall with both the commanders and men who were prominent in the city, and having been commanded by Festus, Paul was brought in.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> The next day Agrippa and Bernice entered the hall of judgment, and all the other people were honoring them. Some Roman commanders and important men in Caesarea came with them. Then Festus commanded that the guards should bring Paul in.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And Festus said, "King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man, concerning whom all the multitude of the Jews petitioned me both in Jerusalem and here also, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> After Paul entered, Festus said, "King Agrippa and all the rest of you who are here, you see this man! Many leaders of the Jews, both in Jerusalem and here, asked me not to let him live any longer.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But I learned that he had done nothing worthy of death; but he himself having appealed to the emperor, I decided to send him.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> But I found nothing that he had done to deserve death. Even so, he has asked Caesar to judge his case, so I have decided to send him to Rome.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 25:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Concerning him, I do not have anything definite to write to my lord. For this reason, I have him before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after this examination has happened, I might have something to write.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> But I do not know what exactly I should write to the emperor about him. That is why I have brought him here to speak to you all, and especially to you, King Agrippa! I have done this so that you may question him. Then I may know what to write to the emperor.

**Why did Festus bring Paul to speak before King Agrippa?**

Festus wanted King Agrippa to help him write something logical about Paul's case to the Emperor.

**Acts 25:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner and to not state the charges against him."

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> I think that it would be unreasonable to send a prisoner to the emperor in Rome without telling exactly what were the wrong things people say that he has done."

**What did Festus say would be unreasonable for him to do as he sent Paul to the Emperor?**

Festus said it would be unreasonable for him to send Paul to the Emperor without stating the charges against him.

**Acts 26****Acts 26:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul, having stretched out {his} hand, made {his} defense.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "We will now allow you to speak on your own behalf." Then Paul stretched out his hand to show that he was about to speak. He said,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> "Concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, King Agrippa, I consider myself blessed that I am going to make my defense before you today;

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> "King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate that today that I can explain to you why the Jewish leaders are wrong when they say I have done evil things.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> especially since you are an expert according to all the Jewish customs and also {their} controversies. So I ask you to hear me patiently.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> I am especially fortunate because you know all about the customs of us Jews and the questions that we argue about. So I ask you to listen patiently to me."

**Why was Paul happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa?**

Paul was happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa because Agrippa was an expert in all the Jewish customs and questions.

**Acts 26:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> Indeed then, all the Jews know the manner of my life which {was} from my youth, that from the beginning has been among my nation and in Jerusalem,

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> "All my fellow Jews know about how I have conducted my life from the time I was a child. They know how I lived in the city where I was born and also later in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> Knowing me from the beginning, if they were willing to testify, that I lived as a Pharisee, according to the strictest sect of our religion.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> They have known me from my very beginning, and they could tell you, if they wanted to, that since I was very young I obeyed the most rigid customs of our religion very carefully. I lived just like the other Pharisees.

**How did Paul live from his youth in Jerusalem?**

Paul lived as a Pharisee, a very strict sect of Judaism.

**Acts 26:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And now I stand here being judged because of my hope of the promise that was made to our fathers by God,

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Today I am on trial because I am confidently expecting that God will do what he promised to our ancestors.

**What promise of God does Paul say both he and the Jews are hoping to reach? (vv6-8)**

Paul says that he and the Jews are hoping to reach the promise of the resurrection.



**Acts 26:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> to which our 12 tribes hope to attain, in earnest serving night and day. Concerning this hope, I am being accused by the Jews, O King.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Our twelve Jewish tribes are also confidently waiting for God to do for us what he promised, as they honor him and worship him, day and night. Honored king, I confidently expect that God will do what he promised, and they also believe that! But it is for what I expect God to do that they say I have done wrong.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Why is it judged unbelievable among you that God raises the dead?

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Why would any of you think that God could not raise the dead?

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> Then, I thought to myself that it was necessary to do many things opposed to the name of Jesus the Nazarene.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> There was a time in the past when I, too, was sure that I should do everything that I could to stop people from believing in Jesus from Nazareth town.

**Before his conversion, what was Paul doing against the name of Jesus of Nazareth?  
(vv9-11)**

Paul was locking up many saints in prison, was approving when they were killed, and was chasing them to foreign cities.

**Acts 26:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And I did these things in Jerusalem, and I even locked up many of the saints in prison, having received the authority from the chief priests. and when they were being put to death, I cast my vote against them.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> So that is what I did when I lived in Jerusalem. I shut up many of the believers in prison, as the chief priests there had given me power to do. And when their people killed believers, I voted in favor of that.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And often punishing them in all the synagogues, I forced them to blaspheme, and being greatly enraged against them, I persecuted them even as far as to foreign cities.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> I punished those Jewish people in every synagogue where I could find them. I would force them, with all my anger against them, to make them insult God and curse his name. I even went off to foreign cities to find them so I could do everything in my power to stop them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> While doing this, traveling to Damascus with authority and a commission that {was} from the chief priests,

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> "The chief priests gave me power to arrest believers in Damascus, and that is where I went. But while I was on my way,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> in the middle of the day, along the road, O King, I saw a light from heaven, beyond the brightness of the sun, shining around me and those who were traveling with me.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> at about noon, O King, I saw on the road a bright light in the sky. It was even brighter than the sun! It shone all around me, and also around those who were traveling with me.

**What did Paul see on his way to Damascus?**

Paul saw a light from heaven that was brighter than the sun.

**Acts 26:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against a goad.'

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me in the Hebrew language. He said, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

**What did Paul hear on his way to Damascus?**

Paul heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

**Acts 26:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Then I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus! I am the one you are fighting against.'

**Who was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus?**

Jesus was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus.

**Acts 26:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But get up and stand on your feet; because for this I appeared to you, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of both that which you have seen about me and of that which will be shown to you;

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> But get up and stand on your feet! I have appeared to you in order to make you into a servant and a witness both of what you have seen of what you know about me now and what I will show you later.

**What did Jesus appoint Paul to be? (vv16-17)**

Jesus appointed Paul to be a servant and witness to the Gentiles.

**Acts 26:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> rescuing you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> I will protect you from the people and the non-Jews to whom I will send you,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes to turn from darkness to light, and from the authority of Satan to God, for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith that {is} in me.'

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> in order to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of the enemy to God. In this way God will forgive their sins and give to them the things that all my people will have forever, the people who belong to me by faith.

**What did Jesus say he wanted the Gentiles to receive?**

Jesus said he wanted the Gentiles to receive the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance from God.

**Acts 26:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision;

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> "So, King Agrippa, I did what God told me in a vision to do.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> but, to those in Damascus first, and also in Jerusalem, and in all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, I declared to repent and to turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> First, I spoke to the Jews in Damascus and those in Jerusalem, and in all the countryside of Judea, and to the non-Jews there also. I told them that they should stop sinning and ask God for help. I told them also that they should do those things that show that they have stopped sinning.

**What two things does Paul say he preached everywhere he went?**

Paul says that he preached that the people should repent and turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.

**Acts 26:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> For the sake of this, the Jews, having seized me in the temple, attempted to kill me.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> It is because I preached this message that some Jews seized me when I was in the temple courtyard and tried to kill me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Therefore having received help which is from God until this day, I stand, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing other than what both the prophets and Moses said is going to happen—

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> However, God has been helping me, so I have continued to proclaim these things to this very day. I have continued to tell both ordinary people and important people exactly what the prophets and Moses said would happen.

**What did the prophets and Moses say would happen? (vv22-23)**

The prophets and Moses said that the Christ must suffer, be raised from the dead, and proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.

**Acts 26:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> that the Christ {is} subject to suffering and that {as} the first from the resurrection of the dead, is going to proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles.”

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> They said that the Messiah would suffer and die, that he would be the first to rise from the dead. They also said that he would proclaim, both to his own people and to the non-Jewish people, that God is truly able to save them.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And as he is saying these things in his defense, Festus says with a loud voice, “Paul, you are insane; your great learning is turning you to insanity.”

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Before Paul could say anything further, Festus shouted out in a loud voice: “Paul, you are crazy! You have studied too much, and it has made you insane!”

**What did Festus think of Paul after he heard Paul’s defense? (vv24-25)**

Festus thought that Paul was insane.

**Acts 26:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But Paul says, "I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking words of truth and of sanity.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> But Paul answered, "Your Excellency Festus, I am not insane! On the contrary, what I am saying is true and quite sane!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> For the king knows about these things, to whom I am indeed speaking boldly, for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this was not done in a corner.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> For King Agrippa knows the things that I have been talking about, and I can speak freely to him about them. I am sure that none of these things could have escaped his notice, because none of these things happened in secret."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> Do you believe the prophets, King Agrippa? I know that you believe."

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> "King Agrippa, do you believe what the prophets wrote? I know that you believe those things."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> But Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time, are you persuading me to become a Christian?"

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa answered Paul, "In just a short time you have almost persuaded me to become a Christian!"

**What was Paul's desire for King Agrippa? (vv28-29)**

Paul desired that King Agrippa would become a Christian.

**Acts 26:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> But Paul replied, "I pray to God for, either in a short time or in a long time, not you only, but also all those hearing me today to become such as I also am, but without these chains."

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Paul replied, "Whether it takes a short time or a long time, it does not matter. I pray to God that you and also all of the others who are listening to me today will also become like me, except for these chains!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And then the king got up, and the governor, and Bernice, and those sitting with them;

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Then the king stood. The governor, Bernice, and all the others also got up

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 26:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> and when they had left, they talked to one another, saying, "This man is not doing anything worthy of death or of chains."

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> and left the room. After they left, they said to each other, "This man has done nothing deserving death or his chains."

**What conclusion did Agrippa, Festus, and Bernice reach regarding the accusations against Paul? (vv31-32)**

They agreed that Paul had done nothing worthy of death or bonds, and that he could have been freed if he had not appealed to Caesar.



**Acts 26:32**

**ULT**

<sup>32</sup> But Agrippa said to Festus, "This man was able to have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar."

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> Agrippa said to Festus, "If this man had not appealed to Caesar, he could have been released."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## Acts 27

### Acts 27:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And when it was decided for us to sail to Italy, they handed over both Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius of the Augustan regiment.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> When the Governor decided that we should sail for Italy, he put Paul and some other prisoners into the control of an army captain whose name was Julius. He held the rank of centurion and was part of a large number of soldiers who were under the direct command of the emperor.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 27:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And having boarded a ship from Adramyttium, being about to sail to places along Asia, we set sail. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> We boarded a ship from the city of Adramyttium in Asia. The ship was about to sail to places on the coast of Asia. In this way we went to sea. Aristarchus, from Thessalonica in Macedonia, went with us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### Acts 27:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And the next day, we landed at Sidon, and Julius having treated Paul kindly, allowed him to go to {his} friends to receive {their} care.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> The next day we arrived at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him permission to go see his friends, who would care for him.

### How did the centurion Julius treat Paul at the beginning of the journey to Rome?

Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends and receive their care.

**Acts 27:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And from there, having put to sea, we sailed under Cyprus because of the winds that were against us.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Then the ship set sail from there. We went along the coast of Cyprus, which was sheltered from the wind, because the wind was against us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And when we had sailed across the sea past Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> After that, we crossed over the sea close to the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia. The ship arrived at Myra, which is in Lycia. We got off the ship there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And there, the centurion having found a ship from Alexandria sailing to Italy, he put us on it.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> In Myra, Julius found a ship that had come from Alexandria and would soon sail to Italy. So he arranged for us to go aboard that ship, and we left.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And sailing slowly for many days and having arrived with difficulty near Cnidus, the wind no longer allowing us to go that way, we sailed along Crete, opposite Salmone.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> We sailed slowly for many days and came near to Cnidus, but we got there with difficulty, because the winds were against us. After that, the wind was very strong and did not allow the ship to move straight ahead westward. Instead, we sailed along the coast of the Island of Crete, where the wind was not blowing strongly, and we passed near Salmone, a piece of land sticking out into the water.

**Which island did Paul's ship sail around with difficulty? (vv7-8)**

The ship sailed around the island of Crete with difficulty.

**Acts 27:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And sailing along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, which was near the city of Lasea.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> The wind was still strong, and it prevented the ship from moving ahead fast. So we moved slowly along the coast of Crete, and we arrived at a town that was called Fair Havens, near Lasea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But much time having passed, and the voyage already being dangerous because even the fast had already passed, Paul was warning them,

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Much time passed, and it had now become dangerous to sail, because the Jewish fasting period had already passed and the sea would become very stormy. So Paul said to the men on the ship,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> saying to them, “Men, I see that the voyage is about to be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> and said to them, “Men, I see that if we sail now, it will be disastrous for us with much injury and loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

**Why did Julius the centurion not follow Paul’s warning about the dangers of continuing to sail? (vv10-11)**

Julius did not follow Paul’s warning because he paid more attention to the owner of the ship.

**Acts 27:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than the things spoken by Paul.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> But the Roman captain did not believe Paul. Instead, he believed what the pilot and the owner of the ship said, and he decided to do what they advised.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But the harbor being unsuitable for wintering, the majority made a decision to sail from there, if somehow they might be able to arrive at Phoenix, to spend the winter there—a harbor in Crete, looking toward the southwest and toward the northwest.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The harbor was not a good place to remain during the winter, so most of the sailors advised going to sea from there. They hoped that they could reach Phoenix and spend the winter there. Phoenix is a town in Crete. On it blow winds both from the southwest and northwest.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And when a south wind had blown gently, thinking they obtained {their} purpose, after they had weighed anchor, they sailed along close to Crete.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Because there was only a gentle wind blowing from the south, the ship's crew thought that they could travel like they wanted to. So they lifted the anchor up out of the sea, and the ship sailed close along the coastline of the island of Crete.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But not long after, a violent wind called the northeaster rushed down from it.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> After a short time, however, a stormy wind blew down from the shore. It blew across the island from the north side and hit the ship. That wind is called Euroclydon, "the Northeast Wind."

**After a gentle start to the voyage, what wind began to beat down on the ship?**

After a gentle start, a wind called The Northeaster began to beat down on the ship.

**Acts 27:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And having been seized and the ship not being able to face into the wind, having given way, we were driven along.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> It blew strongly against the front of the ship, and we could not sail against it. So the sailors let the wind move the ship in the direction that the wind was blowing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But sailing under the lee of a certain island called Cauda, we were able with difficulty to gain control of the lifeboat.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> The ship then sailed along the coast line of a small island named Cauda. We were able, with difficulty, to fasten the lifeboat securely to the ship.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Having hoisted it up, they used ropes, binding the ship. And fearing lest they might run aground on Syrtis, having lowered the sea anchor, thus they were driven along.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> When they had hoisted the lifeboat up, they used its ropes to bind the hull of the ship. And they were afraid that they might run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, so they lowered the sea anchor and the wind drove them along.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But with us being exceedingly battered by the storm, the next day, they began the jettisoning of the cargo.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The wind and the waves continued to toss the ship about roughly. So on the next day the sailors began to throw overboard the things that the ship was carrying.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And on the third day, they threw overboard the equipment of the ship with their own hands.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> On the third day of the storm, the sailors threw overboard most of the sails, ropes, and poles, in order to make the ship lighter. They did this with their own hands.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But neither sun nor stars appearing for many days, and no small storm assailing us, all remaining hope for us to be saved was taken away.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> The wind continued to blow very strongly for many days, and the sky was full of dark clouds day and night so that we could not see the sun or the stars. We had lost all hope that we would survive.

**After many days, what hope was abandoned by the crew of the ship?**

After many days, the crew abandoned any hope that they should be saved.

**Acts 27:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And after being a long time without food, then having stood up in the midst of them, Paul said, "You men should indeed have obeyed me, to not set sail from Crete, and to suffer this injury and loss.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> None of us on the ship had eaten for many days. Then one day, Paul stood up in front of us and said, "Friends, you should have listened to me when I said that we should not set sail from Crete. Then, we would not have suffered this injury and loss.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**Acts 27:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But now this I urge you, to take courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but {only} of the ship.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But now, I urge you, do not be afraid, because none of us will die. The storm will destroy the ship but not us.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> For this night an angel of the God of whom I am and whom I serve, stood beside me

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> I know this, because last night God, the one to whom I belong and whom I serve, sent an angel who came and stood by me.

**What message did an angel of God give Paul concerning the people on the voyage?  
(vv23-24)**

The angel told Paul that he and all the sailors would survive.

**Acts 27:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar, and behold, God has graciously granted to you all those who are sailing with you.'

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> The angel said to me, 'Paul, do not be afraid. You must go to Rome and stand before the emperor there so that he can judge you. I want you to know that God has granted to you that all those who are traveling by ship with you will also survive.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore take courage, men! For I trust God that thus it will be, according to the way it was told to me.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> So cheer up, my friends, because I believe that God will make this happen, exactly as the angel told me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> But we must run aground upon some island.”

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> However, the ship will crash on some island, and we will go ashore there.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And when the fourteenth night came, as we were being driven this way and that in the Adriatic Sea, about the middle of the night the sailors thought that they were approaching some land.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> On the fourteenth night after the storm had begun, the ship was still being blown across the Adriatic sea. About midnight, the sailors thought that the ship was getting close to land.

**At midnight on the fourteenth night, what did the sailors think was happening to the ship?**

The sailors thought the ship was approaching some land.

**Acts 27:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And taking soundings, they found 20 fathoms; but when they had gone a little further, and again taking soundings, they found 15 fathoms.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> So they lowered a rope to measure how deep the water was. When they pulled the rope up again, they measured it and saw that the water was forty meters deep. A little later, they measured again and found thirty meters.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And fearing that we might crash somewhere against a rugged place, having lowered four anchors from the stern, they prayed for daytime to come.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> They were afraid that the ship might go onto some rocks, so they threw out four anchors from the ship's stern. Then they prayed that it would soon be dawn so that they could see where the ship was going.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> But as the sailors were seeking to flee from the ship, and as they had lowered the lifeboat into the sea on a pretext as if intending to lower anchors from the bow,

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Some of the sailors were planning to escape from the ship, so they lowered the lifeboat into the sea. In order that no one would know what they planned to do, they pretended that they wanted to lower some anchors from the ship's front.

**What were the sailors looking for a way to do?**

The sailors were looking for a way to abandon the ship.

**Acts 27:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "If these do not stay in the ship, you are not able to be saved."

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> But Paul said to the army captain and the soldiers, "If the sailors do not stay in the ship, you have no hope of surviving."

**What did Paul tell the centurion and the soldiers about the sailors?**

Paul told the centurion and the soldiers that unless the sailors stayed on the ship, the centurion and soldiers could not be saved.

**Acts 27:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the lifeboat and let it fall away.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> So the soldiers cut the ropes and let the lifeboat fall into the water.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And up until it was about to become daytime, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, "Today {is} the fourteenth day, anxiously waiting, you are continuing fasting, having eaten nothing.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Just before dawn, Paul urged everyone on the ship to eat some food. He said, "For the past fourteen days you have been waiting and watching and not eating anything.

**When daylight was coming on, what did Paul urge everyone to do?**

Paul urged everyone to take some food.

**Acts 27:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> Therefore, I urge you to take food, for this is for your salvation. For a hair from the head of none of you will perish."

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> So, now I urge you to eat some food. You must do this to live. Not even one hair from your heads will perish."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And having said this and having taken bread, he gave thanks to God before everyone, and having broken bread, he began to eat.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> After Paul had said that, while everyone was watching, he took some bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke the bread and began to eat some of it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And they were all encouraged and themselves took food.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Then they were all cheered up and ate some food.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And in all, we were 276 souls in the ship.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> Altogether there were 276 of us on the ship.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And when they had eaten enough food, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> When everyone had eaten enough, they lightened the ship by throwing the rest of the wheat into the sea.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And when it was daytime, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a certain bay having a beach, onto which they discussed whether they might be able to drive the ship.

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> At dawn we could see land, but the sailors did not know where we were. However, they could see a bay and a wide area of sand at the water's edge. They decided to try to run the ship up onto the beach.

**How did the crew decide to get the ship to the beach, and what happened? (vv39-41)**

The crew decided to get the ship to the beach by sailing directly toward the beach, but the bow of the ship became stuck on the ground and the stern began to break up.

**Acts 27:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> And having cut loose the anchors, they left them in the sea. At the same time, having loosened the bands of the rudders and having raised the foresail to the wind, they headed to the beach.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> So they cast off the anchors and let them fall loose into the sea. At the same time, they untied the ropes that fastened the rudders, and they raised the front sail so that the wind would blow into it. They they steered the ship toward the shore.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> But having come to a place between two seas, the ship ran aground, and the bow of the ship having stuck there, it remained immovable, but the stern was breaking up by the violence of the waves.

**UST**

<sup>41</sup> But the ship sailed into turbulent waters and ran hard onto a sandbank that was just under the waves. The front of the ship stuck there and could not move, and big waves beat against the back of the ship, so that it began to break apart.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 27:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> Now the plan of the soldiers was that they would kill the prisoners lest some of them, having swum away, would escape.

**UST**

<sup>42</sup> The soldiers had it in mind to kill all the prisoners so that none of them could swim away and escape.

**What were the soldiers going to do with the prisoners at this time?**

The soldiers were going to kill the prisoners so none of them could escape.

**Acts 27:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, stopped their plan, and so he commanded those who were able to swim, first having jumped overboard, to get to the land,

**UST**

<sup>43</sup> But army captain wanted to save Paul, so he stopped the soldiers from doing this. Instead, he commanded that everyone who could swim should jump into the water and swim to shore.

**Why did the centurion stop the plan of the soldiers?**

The centurion stopped the plan of the soldiers because he wanted to save Paul.

## Acts 27:44

### ULT

<sup>44</sup> and then the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship, and in this way, it happened that all were brought safely to the land.

### UST

<sup>44</sup> Then he told the others to hold onto planks or other pieces from the ship and go toward the shore. We did what he said, and in that way all of us arrived safely on land.

### How did all of the people on the ship come safely to land?

Those who could swim jumped overboard first, and the rest followed on planks or other things from the ship.



**Acts 28****Acts 28:1****ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And having been brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> After we had arrived safely on the shore, we learned that it was an island called Malta.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:2****ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And the native people offered to us not ordinary kindness, for having lit a fire, they welcomed us all, because of the rain that was beginning, and because of the cold.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> The people who lived there gave to us better than the usual hospitality. They lit a fire and invited us to come and warm ourselves, because it was raining and it was cold.

**How did the native people on the island of Malta treat Paul and the crew of the ship?**

The people treated them with not just ordinary kindness.

**Acts 28:3****ULT**

<sup>3</sup> But when Paul had gathered a certain quantity of sticks and had placed them on the fire, a viper, having come out from the heat, fastened on to his hand.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> When Paul collected some sticks of wood and put them on the fire, a poisonous snake came out from the fire to escape from the heat, and it bit Paul on his hand and stayed there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And when the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "This man certainly is a murderer, who having been saved from the sea, justice has not permitted him to live."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> The people from the island saw the creature dangling from Paul's hand, they said to each other, "Probably this man has murdered someone. Although he has escaped from being drowned in the sea, the god of justice will cause him to die."

**What did the people think when they saw the viper hanging from Paul's hand?**

The people thought that Paul was a murderer who was not being permitted to live by justice.

**Acts 28:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> Then, he, shaking off the snake into the fire, suffered no harm.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But Paul simply shook the snake off into the fire, and nothing happened to him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But they were expecting him to begin to become inflamed or to suddenly fall down dead. But watching him for a long time and seeing nothing unusual happening to him, having changed their minds, they said that he is a god.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> The people were expecting that Paul's body would soon swell up with a fever or that he would suddenly fall down and die. But after they had waited a long time, they saw that nothing was wrong with him. So the people changed what they were thinking and said to one another, "This man is not a murderer! He is a god!"

**What did the people think when they saw Paul was not killed by the viper?**

The people thought that Paul was a god.

**Acts 28:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> Now in the {area} near that same place were lands of the most important man of the island, named Publius, who having welcomed us, kindly entertained us for three days.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Now in a place near to where they were, there were some fields that belonged to a man whose name was Publius. He was the chief official on the island. He invited us to come and stay in his home. He took very good care of us for three days.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And it happened that the father of Publius was lying sick, having been afflicted with fever and dysentery. Paul went to him and having prayed, having placed {his} hands on him, he healed him.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> At that time Publius' father had fever and dysentery, and he was lying in bed. So Paul visited him and prayed for him. Then Paul placed his hands on him and healed him.

**What happened after Paul healed the father of Publius, the chief man of the island?  
(vv8-9)**

The rest of the people on the island who were sick also came and were healed.

**Acts 28:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And after this happened, the rest of those on the island who had sickness also were coming and were being healed.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> After Paul had done that, the other people on the island who were sick came to him, and he healed them, too.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> They also honored us with many honors, and when we were setting sail, they gave us the things for {our} needs.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> They brought us gifts and showed in other ways that they greatly respected us. When we were ready to leave three months later, they brought us food and other things that we would need on the ship.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And after three months, we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island, with a "Twin Gods" figurehead.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> After we had stayed there three months, we got on a ship that was from Alexandria and that was going to Italy and sailed away. On the front of the ship there were carved images of the twin gods whose names were Castor and Pollux.

**How long did Paul and the crew remain on the island of Malta?**

Paul and the crew remained on the island of Malta for three months.

**Acts 28:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And having landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When we arrived at the city of Syracuse, we stayed there three days.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Having sailed from there, we arrived at Rhegium, and after one day, a south wind having sprung up, we came to Puteoli the next day.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Then we sailed and arrived at the city of Rhegium in Italy. The next day, the wind was blowing from the south, so in only two more days we reached the town of Puteoli. There we left the ship.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> Having found brothers there, we were begged to stay with them for seven days, and in this way, we came to Rome.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> In Puteoli we met some fellow believers who wanted us to stay with them for seven days. After this, we finally arrived at Rome.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> From there, the brothers, having heard the things about us, came to a meeting with us as far as The Forum of Appius and The Three Taverns. Having seen them, Paul, having thanked God, took courage.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> In Rome, some fellow believers had heard about us, so they came to meet us. Some of them met us at the town called The Market on Appian Road, and others met us at the town called The Three Inns. When Paul saw those believers, he thanked God and was encouraged.

**What did Paul do when he saw the brothers from Rome who had come to meet him?**

When he saw the brothers, Paul thanked God and took courage.

**Acts 28:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And when we entered into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier guarding him.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> After we arrived in Rome, Paul was permitted to live in a house by himself. But there was always a soldier there to guard him.

**What were Paul's living arrangements in Rome as a prisoner?**

Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier who was guarding him.

**Acts 28:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And it happened that after three days, he called together those who were the most important of the Jews. And when they had come together, he said to them, "Men, brothers, having done nothing opposed to the people or the customs of {our} fathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> After Paul had been there three days, he sent a message to the Jewish leaders to come and talk with him. When they came to him, Paul said to them, "My dear brothers, although I have not opposed our people nor spoken against the customs of our ancestors, our leaders in Jerusalem seized me. But before they could kill me, a Roman commander rescued me and later sent me to the city of Caesarea for Roman authorities to put me on trial.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> After they had questioned me, they were intending to release me, because there is no reason in me for a death penalty.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The Roman authorities questioned me and wanted to release me, because I had not done any bad thing for which I should be executed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But the Jews objecting, I was forced to appeal to Caesar—not as if I have anything to accuse my nation.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But when the Jewish leaders there spoke against the desire of the Romans to set me free, I had to request that the emperor judge me here in Rome. But my reason for doing that was not that I wanted to accuse our leaders about anything.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, for this reason, I summoned you, to see and to speak with you. For I am bound with this chain because of the hope of Israel.”

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> So I have requested you to come here so that I can tell you why I am a prisoner. It is because I believe in what the people of Israel confidently expect God will do for us.”

**For what reason did Paul tell the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained?**

Paul told the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained for the confidence of Israel.

**Acts 28:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But they said to him, “We neither received letters from Judea about you, nor have any of the brothers come {and} reported or said anything evil about you.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then the Jewish leaders said, “We have not received any letters from our fellow Jews in Judea about you. Also, none of our fellow Jews who have arrived here from Judea has said anything bad about you.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But we want to hear from you what you think, for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.”

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But we want to hear what you think about this group that you belong to, because we know that in many places people are speaking against it.”

**What did the Jewish leaders in Rome know about the sect of the Christians?**

The Jewish leaders in Rome knew that the sect was spoken against everywhere.

**Acts 28:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed a day for him, more people came to him at his lodging. He was explaining to them, testifying about the kingdom of God and persuading them about Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning until evening.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So they decided that they would come back on another day to hear Paul speak to them. When that day arrived, even more people than before came to where Paul was staying. Paul told them about how God would rule everyone; he talked about how the law of Moses and the prophets foretold Jesus. Paul talked with all who would listen from morning until evening.

**When the Jewish leaders came again to Paul at his dwelling place, what did Paul try to do from morning until evening?**

Paul tried to persuade them about Jesus, from both the law of Moses and from the prophets.

**Acts 28:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And some were convinced about the things which he was saying, but others did not believe.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Some of those Jews were persuaded to believe what Paul said about Jesus was true, but others did not believe that it was true.

**What was the response of the Jewish leaders to Paul’s presentation?**

Some of the Jewish leaders were convinced, while others did not believe.



**Acts 28:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And being in disagreement with one another, they left after Paul had spoken one word, "The Holy Spirit spoke well through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> When they began to disagree with each other, and when they were about to leave, Paul had one more thing to say: "The Holy Spirit said the truth to your ancestors, when he spoke these words to Isaiah the prophet:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> saying, 'Go to this people and say, "By hearing you will hear, but you will certainly not understand; and by seeing you will see, but you will certainly not perceive.

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<sup>26</sup> Go to your people and say to them: 'You hear with your ears, but you never understand what God is saying. You see with your eyes but you never really see the things that God is doing.

**What did the final scripture quoted by Paul say about the Jewish leaders who did not believe?**

The final scripture Paul quoted said that those who did not believe would not understand nor perceive what they heard and saw.

**Acts 28:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> For the heart of this people has become dull, and with {their} ears they hardly heard, and they shut their eyes. Otherwise they might see with {their} eyes, and might hear with {their} ears, and might understand with {their} heart and might turn again, and I will heal them."

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> These people do not understand, because they have become stubborn. their ears are almost deaf; and they have closed their eyes because they do not want to see. They do not want to hear with their ears or understand with their hearts, for then they would come back to me and I would heal them.'

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, they also will hear."

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<sup>28</sup> Therefore, you should know that God is offering to save the non-Jews, and they will listen."

**Where did Paul say God's message of salvation had been sent, and what would be the response?**

Paul said that God's message of salvation had been sent to the Gentiles, and they would listen.

**Acts 28:29****ULT**

<sup>29[1]</sup> [And when he had said these things, the Jews went away, having a great dispute among themselves.]

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<sup>29[1]</sup> [When he had said these things, the Jews went away. They were having a great dispute among themselves.]

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And he stayed for two whole years in his own rented house, and he was welcoming all those who are coming to him,

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<sup>30</sup> For two whole years Paul stayed there in a house that he rented. Many people came to see him, and he received them all gladly and talked with them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**Acts 28:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance.

28:29 <sup>[1]</sup>

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> He preached and taught people about how God would show himself as king, and he taught them about the Lord Jesus the Messiah. He did that with great boldness, and no one tried to stop him.

28:29 <sup>[1]</sup>

**What did Paul do while a prisoner in Rome?**

Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness.

**Who stopped Paul from preaching and teaching while he was a prisoner in Rome for two years?**

No one stopped him.

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