

PAUL IN PRISON

New Life Pismo

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1800	<p>INTRO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to Paul in Prison: 10 weeks exploring the background of the Prison Epistles• This is to supplement and “add texture” to the Sunday morning sermon series• The approach will be a combination of presenter input, but also student participation.• I believe you learn most when you participate in the learning process.• KN-The outline for the class will be as follows
1805	<p>OVERVIEW OF SESSION</p> <p>Tonight we are going to look at the circumstances that led up to Paul's Roman imprisonment.</p> <p>This was not the first time Paul had been in custody. You remember that during his second missionary journey he was imprisoned and miraculously delivered in Philippi.</p> <p>Leading up to his Roman imprisonment, he was in custody in Caesarea for two years—a situation we will explore tonight. Then he was imprisoned in Rome for two years.</p> <p>The book of Acts ends with him in prison there, but most Bible scholars believe that he was eventually released, and may have made another missionary journey (which they piece together using information from the epistles).</p> <p>He was imprisoned a second time in Rome, this time at the Mamertine Prison, where he was ultimately executed.</p>
1810	<p>FOCUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tonight we will focus on the what is called the Roman Imprisonment from which he wrote the prison epistles.• My goal is for us is to get into the story by taking on the role of a particular character in the narrative. I want you to see the event(s) from their perspective and feel their emotions as they and their associates participated in the event. I want them to become real people from real places in real situations with real feelings.• So, we are going to interview six characters from the story to get insight into the events, issues and outcomes from them.• You are going to play the parts. I am going to assign six groups to prep a person for the interview. I will give you the interview questions and resources for preparation.• <i>Distribute instructions and resources</i>
1840	<p>INTERVIEWER PREP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ananias, High Priest in Jerusalem• Lysius, Tribune of the Roman garrison at the Temple• Felix, Procurator in Caesarea• Bernice, sister of Agrippa II• Julius, centurion who transported Paul from Caesarea to Rome• Praetorian guard who supervised Paul in Rome

ANANIAS

1. What is your role and what are your responsibilities in Jerusalem?
2. Describe the incident in the Temple that sparked your issue with Paul. What was it that got the Jews so riled up?
3. What exactly is the Sanhedrin?
4. As heard Paul speak to that body, why did you order him struck? What was your take on the speech?
5. What was the controversy that arose between the Pharisees and Sadducees on the council?
6. Did you really plot to kill Paul?
7. What eventually happened with your plan?

LYSIAS

1. What is your position in the Roman Army?
2. Where are you stationed and what is your responsibility?
3. What was the “Paul incident” at the Temple and how did you get involved in it?
4. I understand that at one point Paul played the “citizenship card” with one of your centurions. Can you explain what he did and your conversation with him about it?
5. At one point you let Paul address the Jews from the barracks steps. What was your take on his speech?
6. I guess a relative of Paul tipped you off on a plot to kill him. What happened and how did you respond?
7. You eventually sent Paul out of town. Where did you send him and why?
8. Tell us about the letter you sent with him.

PRESENTATION: SECOND TEMPLE**FELIX**

1. What is your role with the Roman government?
2. Where do you reside and why have you chosen to reside there? Can you give us a little sense of the city?
3. I understand Pilate may have been there at one time. Can you explain that?
4. What was your first response when Lysias sent Paul to you?
5. I understand you heard his case? What did you think of his arguments?
6. You left him in prison for two years. Why did you do that?
7. I understand that while he was there you would meet with him periodically. Why did you do that?

PRESENTATION: HEROD'S CAESAREA**BERNICE**

1. You are part of the Herod family, right? Can you explain your relationship to the family and also to the Roman procurator Festus and his wife Drucilla?
2. There are rumors circulating about you and your brother Agrippa? Is there any basis for them?
3. I understand that you were invited to hear Paul when you visited Caesarea?
4. I know upon his appointment he had met with the Jews in Jerusalem before taking his position in Caesarea. Can you explain what the situation was with the Jews, your brother-in-law and Paul just prior to your visit?
5. What stood out to you from Paul's appeal? What was your husband Agrippa's take?
6. What was the result of the hearing? Was Paul released?

JULIUS

1. What is your position in the Roman military? What is your main job?
2. How did you first connect with the Apostle Paul and what was your take on him?
3. I understand that when you were in Fair Havens you had a disagreement with him. Can you explain what the issue was and how you handled it? (See Acts 27:9-12)
4. We know that the ship ended up running aground on Malta. The soldiers were going to kill the prisoners to prevent them from escaping but you prevented it. Can you explain why? (See Acts 27:41-44)
5. How did your relationship with Paul change during the trip?
6. I understand Paul had companions traveling with him Who were they?
7. When you got to Rome, where did Paul go next?

PRESENTATION: PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME**PRAETORIAN GUARD**

1. What is your position in the Roman military?
2. Who are the Praetorian Guard?
3. What were Paul's living arrangements while he was in custody?
4. I understand Paul was not isolated and he was allowed to have visitors. Can you tell me what you know about the following: Onesimus? Tychicus? Epaphras?
5. Also, I understand he was able to write letters? What churches did he write? Had he founded all of them?
6. How did being with Paul affect you and your co-workers (Philippians 4:22)

PRESENTATION: PRAETORIAN GUARD***PRESENTATION: WHAT'S COMING UP?***