

Week 27:  
Acts 21:27-36

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## No Good Deed

### TODAY'S VERSES:

**Acts 21:27-36**

Revelation 21:22-26

Acts 21:5

Acts 21:12-13

Acts 21:17-26

Ephesians 5:21

Acts 21:11

Acts 2:21

Joel 2:32

Romans 2:15

Jeremiah 31:33

1 Peter 2:4-8

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

### BIG IDEA:

The Apostle Paul was accused of subverting Judaism by teaching against the people, the law and the temple. Understanding these accusations are key to understanding not only the book of Acts but the Gospel as well. They are the same accusations that were made against Stephen in Acts Chapter 6 before he was executed, and they are by-and-large the same accusations made against Jesus. We need to understand what God's Word says about the people, the law and the temple because neither Paul, Stephen nor Jesus taught against those things, but rather, they taught the true and proper understanding of those things.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

People considered Christianity a "new" religion. Why is that not true?

What do the scriptures teach about the "people" of God and how is it different from what Paul's Jewish accusers believed? **Read Acts 2:21.**

-Same question for the "law" – **Read Romans 2:15 & Jeremiah 31:33.**

-Same question for the "temple" – **Read 1 Peter 2:4-8 & 1 Cor. 3:16-17.**

Do you see yourself as belonging to God, chosen, adopted, set apart to reflect Him, His love for the broken, outcast and lost?

Do you find value and feel worthy of God's love and acceptance because of your obedience to a moral code?

What does the Gospel tell us of the source of our worth and value?

How does the Gospel speak to our sinning?

Do you feel more comfortable and satisfied with trying to follow the law, a moral code or with trusting God's Spirit in you to lead you and to change you? Why?

Have you ever looked to institutions or people, other than Jesus, to be your cornerstone in life?

*The intricate design of the temple was about an earthly place for God to visit and dwell with His people. Jesus came, God coming to us, to live and dwell in us by the Holy Spirit. He is the cornerstone to our being the temple for God's presence. The Jews stumbled over Jesus and took offense at Him. Where does Jesus stumble you, and cause you to be offended?*

What does it mean to you that you are the temple for God's presence?

What might need to change with how you deal with the following: your marriage, family, work, finances, vacations, personal time, neighbors, coworkers, Gospel Community, outreach, missions work?

Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to reveal a great understanding of the Scriptures to you as well as areas He would have you grow, living as God's temple in the world.