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THE APOSTLE PAUL – LESSON 24

SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY – PART 10

JASON THE BOLD

Satan will always resist the spread of the gospel. Thessalonica was no exception. (Acts 17:5-9.)

The Jews who rejected the gospel were envious of Paul's success in winning converts to Christ. They set about putting the city into an uproar. They recruited (and probably paid) men of the "lower rough elements" of the city to create a "mob mentality" against the missionaries.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy were staying at the house of Jason. This mob assaulted Jason's house demanding that he deliver up Paul's group to them. When he would not comply, they took Jason and some of the other brethren captive and delivered them to the rulers of the city. They claimed that Paul's group, Jason, and the other brethren were violating Caesar's decrees and claiming that Jesus was King instead of Caesar. This disturbed the city's rulers.

Jason, obviously a man of considerable means, put up "security" to allow them to go free. It surely was a considerable amount of money. Today we would call this "bail money," but it was more likely a bribe.

Thank God for people like Jason who will stand in truth on someone else's behalf even at their own sacrifice.

The time is coming soon when you and I may also be pressed to take a stand for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must support our brothers and sisters who may come under attack, even if it costs us dearly.