

**READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 22 (May 31-June 4)**

*("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.*

**Historical Context** (Paul's third missionary trip).

**57 AD** Paul ends his third missionary journey, and arrives in time for Pentecost, and is kept under arrest into 59 AD.

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u></b>
Mon.	Acts 21 (:23)	<b>Vow</b> = "A voluntary vow ... Generally such vows were from one to three months in length. The outward elements consisted in not touching anything dead, refraining from any product of the grapevine, and not cutting one's hair (see Numbers 6:1-21). At the end of the vow, the Nazirite had his hair cut off and burned it on the Temple altar, and certain prescribed sacrifices were offered." – <u>The Jewish New Testament Commentary</u> .
Tues.	Acts 22 (:18)	<b>Testimony</b> = "Witness". It is the word from which we get "martyr." We find this word in Revelation 6:9 "... I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained." It was used of those called to give evidence in legal trials, that something is indeed true. Cf. Proverbs 6:16-19.
Wed.	Acts 23 (:6)	<b>Resurrection</b> = Literally, "to stand up". In classical Greek, it also means "raise", "repair", "awaken", and being ready for an action or the beginning of an action.
Thurs.	Acts 24 (:14)	<b>Way</b> = Road, path, walk, journey, means of reaching a goal, kind of life, the intellectual-philosophical path of investigation and knowledge.  Other uses in the New Testament include: the wiseman going to their own country by another way, "teaches the way of God in truth" (Matthew 22:16), "take nothing for your journey" (Mark 6:8), "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), and "he has made known to me the ways of life (Acts 2:28).
Fri.	Acts 25 (:19)	<b>Alive</b> = There is a word for biological life – from which we get the word "biology." This word is about the quality inside plants, animals, people, and nature that makes them alive. It is the ability to self-move, as opposed to simply being moved by something else. It also includes the mix of body, psyche, and the ability reason.

Sources: [www.thebiblejourney.org](http://www.thebiblejourney.org); The Interlinear NIV; Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Vols. 1-3; The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament; The Jewish New Testament Commentary, The Englishans's Greek Concordance to the New Testament.

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