

**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. Acts 16:30-31**

**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Let Your Kingdom Come

Scripture Reading: Acts 22:27-23:24 ESV

Message: Paul & the Murderous Sanhedrin

Response Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today.

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## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week.

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

## Our Sunday services at a glance

### *In-Person Sunday Services*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil/Hokkien service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

**11.30am** Mandarin-English service

### *Join us for our livestream*

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm** English service

### *Join DHF Bible Study Groups*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1  
(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

**2.30pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2  
(Indonesian group)

**9.15pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3  
(in English)

### *Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### *Songs for personal worship and reflection:*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Mr Danny Chua

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*AV:* Steve Nathan, Samuel Bin, Wee Aik Koon

*Musician:* Ronnie Yang (P)

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dns Ng Li Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Eld David Leong

*AV:* Sean Yang, Lence Teh

*Musician:* Deborah Yang (P)

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*AV:* Melissa Leong, Bethia Soh, Paul Huang

*Musicians:* Deborah Koh (P)

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Timothy Ong

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*AV:* Abraham Lee, Chiam Da Ren

*Musician:* Timothy Low (P)

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* alby

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* dev

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor* zhenghr

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* ebi

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* sskew

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* jtlim

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* daniel

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* vernon

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* emily

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Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* ruth

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## Paul & the Murderous Sanhedrin

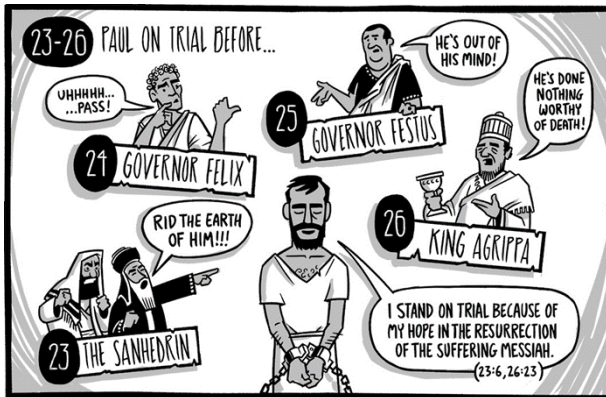
Acts 23

3 October 2021

Mr Danny Chua

### Acts 21-28 – The Final Section Overview

*Paul's Mission: as King Jesus' chosen instrument to carry His Name and suffer for the sake of His Name before the Gentiles, the children of Israel and kings (9:15-16), and finally to Rome (19:21) to testify before Caesar (23:11; 27:24).*



Graphic Source: The Bible Project - Acts Book Overview

### Paul vs. the Jewish Council (22:30-23:10)

*The Jewish persecution of Jesus, Paul & the Way is totally baseless and laughable*

### King Jesus Ensures Paul Safe Passage (23:11-35)

*The mission to testify of King Jesus before the Emperor cannot be hindered*

### Closing Reflection

*What do we mean when we say King Jesus is sovereign?*

*Why does Luke want us to understand the Lord's sovereignty in the book of Acts?*

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What struck or challenged you from the sermon or the passage?
2. How has Luke given us gospel certainty through this episode of Paul's Sanhedrin trial?
3. What do we learn about the Jewish leaders from the way they act in this passage?
4. Recall an instance in your life when Jesus' sovereign hand was at work to help you be in a position to testify of Him. How exactly did that happen?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Safeguarding Training** – Thank God that the 1pm English Congregation leaders were able to set aside time to be equipped in safeguarding matters last Sun (26 Sep). Pray that our church will continue growing in a culture of humility, learning and striving to be a safe place for every person to know Jesus more. Read more about Safeguarding Ministry: [zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding/](http://zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding/)

**Missions Conversations** – Pray for these new monthly events by our Missions Education and Mobilisation (MEM) Team. Pray for our church to come together to learn more about and engage with missions, even as COVID has caused some hinderance to our physical engagement in the mission field, especially overseas.

Pray for the first two session on Money and Business in Missions. Pray that, as individuals and as a church, we will be encouraged to think clearly and wisely about how we engage in missions.

Missions Conversations occur on Wednesday evenings, 8.30-9.30pm. Look out for the dates in the announcements (p.8).

### **Our People**

**Brother Sambhu** – helps encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in India. Last Monday, there was a fire in his rented home's electrical box. The box had a short circuit due to water seepage from heavy rain. We thank God that no one was hurt in the incident and that power

was finally restored after two days. The family is also packing to move to another place. Pray that they will have a smooth move to their new place.

### **Our World**

**India** – Praise God for a fruitful trip by our partner in North India. Over 5 days, they travelled 1200km visiting 6 places. They work to uplift children in these various places. Thank God for safe travels and help when their vehicle got stuck in the mud in one village. We also want to rejoice with this same partner who welcomed their first grandson on 17 Sep. Pray for strength and good health for all the daycare centre (DCC) managers to carry out their responsibilities. Pray also that they will continue to have the zeal to serve the Lord with enthusiasm. Our partner's distribution of COVID relief has led to requests for help with children from 8 places in their area. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance to respond rightly to these requests.

**Indonesia** – Praise God for a retreat that was held in September for various field workers in this region. They were able to come together for a time of spiritual refreshment and training. Many face challenges and difficulties in the communities they serve. We thank God that they do not fear these challenges but face them with God's strength. Thank God for the faithful sowing of these workers in God's harvest field. Pray that these efforts will reap a harvest in God's time.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams <sup>#</sup>	353	
English Service 10.30am	140	
English Service 1pm	53	
English Service 3pm	91	
English Service 5pm	69	
Mand/Cant Livestream <sup>#</sup>	83	
Mand/Cant 8.30 <sup>#</sup>	38	1,000.00
ME Service & Zoom	52	
Hokkien Service	36	
Tamil Service	28	551.00
DHF	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>\$1,551.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*<sup>#</sup>Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer 44,747.66

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$46,298.66**

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298*

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$324,089.33

Giving Received from 20 Sep – 26 Sep 531.61

Amount Disbursed to-date 258,141.95

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1771 800.00

Electronic Transfer 27,460.25

**Weekly Total \$28,260.25**

*(Weekly Target: \$118,238)*

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,050,630.86**

**Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,908,000.00**

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Dev is speaking at Moriah BPC on today.
2. Pastor Alby will be on leave from 5-7 October.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To donate towards the

### ZB COVID-19 Mission

#### Relief Fund:

(Use GMF information above)

Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

To give towards the

### Land Lease Renewal Fund:

#### General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 8 Oct

**8.00pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 9 Oct

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 10 Oct

English Worship Services 200pax

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services))

#### 10.30am

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

#### 1.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhi-Wen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

#### 3.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

#### 5.00pm

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

## Acts Series

**10 Oct** Trial #2 - Paul Before Felix  
*Ps Dev Menon/Ps Vernon Quek*

**17 Oct** Trial #3 - Paul Before Festus  
*Ng Zhiwen/Ps Alby Yip*

**24 Oct** Trial #4 - Paul Before Kings  
*Danny Chua/Ng Zhiwen*

**31 Oct** A Sea Voyage  
*Ps Alby Yip*

## Your Response

3 Oct 2021

*Thank you for joining us today!  
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- ☐ If you are joining us for the first time
- ☐ to find out more
- ☐ to request prayer
- ☐ to provide feedback
- ☐ to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form*  
**[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)**

*Or email us at*  
**[office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)**

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email*  
**[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)**

*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

## **Fear-less or Fearless**

The current pandemic has surfaced many fears. Fear of the virus, the vaccines, the unvaccinated, and even the vaccinated. Sometimes, the unvaccinated fear the vaccinated as they may be asymptomatic. It is understandable. With the number of cases being reported, more in the ICU and number of deaths climbing, it is hard not to be fearful.

But the challenge is this. How do we protect ourselves, and others, while at the same time, not allowing fears to dominate our lives, divide friendships, and disrupt society? Perhaps it is good for us to learn from Asaph in Psalm 73 where he grappled with unpreventable and unexplainable suffering.

Verses 1-16, in my own words, says, “Why is this happening to me? I believe in God and I’ve tried to be a good Christian.” But he does not end there. Asaph continues in verses 17-28, writing that while we may struggle with our present troubles, we must not stop at our present struggles.

Note how verse 1 reminds us to look back to see how God has brought us through past troubles and verse 17 exhorts us to look forward. Verses 17-22 tell us that God is ultimately in control even when things are out of control. Verses 23-26 gives us the assurance that we are never alone because God is with us. Most importantly, verses 27-28 remind us that God is, and His purpose is, ultimately sovereign. And that’s the hope that we have.

Allow me to add something that I usually say in a funeral sermon – The end of life is not the end. There’s still eternal life. We may suffer for, let’s say, 70 years in an average life. But eternal life is *eternal* life! Even if we’re to bear with suffering for 70 years, that compared to eternity is nothing.

In summary, Psalm 73 teaches us that when troubles hit us, look back and be reminded that God was not absent in our previous troubles.

When we see no way out, look forward and be assured. Even when we feel like it is the end of the world, it is not the end of the world. If we die, we are still going to a better place to be with God. That is why even if the pandemic worsens, we need not fear, nor try to fear less. We can be *fearless* in living out our faith in action!

# Announcements

## English Worship Services in October

Zion Bishan English Services will continue to hold 50pax services, open to all, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and 200pax services, for vaccinated persons, on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

Register at:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax)

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax)

More information on safe management and vaccine verification procedures can be found at

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax-info](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax-info)

Worshippers are reminded to **check-out** their TraceTogether Token or App by approaching our ushers or by using the **Blue SafeEntry Gateway** as they leave the church premises.

The Mandarin-Cantonese Worship Service at 8.30am will be holding 200pax services on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and 50pax services on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

If anyone falls ill with COVID-19 or is placed on Quarantine Order, we encourage you to contact one of the pastors or elders for confidential pastoral care.

## Zion Bishan 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service 30 Oct, Saturday, 5.00pm, Sanctuary

Thank God for His faithfulness towards Zion Bishan! We will be holding a combined ethnic service on 30 Oct. More details on the service and registration will be provided next week.

## Youth Camp 2021: Homecoming Registration closes 10 Oct, Sunday

Register and sign up here:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2021](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2021)

Calling all youths age 12-18!

**Dates:** 6-10 December 2021 (Day Camp)

**Location:** Zion Bishan BP Church

Sponsors or anyone requiring more info, please contact Daniel Ong (9641 4732) or Debbo Lee (9062 5348). We are happy to answer any of your questions!

## Missions Conversations New Monthly Series

Join us for a new series of monthly sessions exploring case studies and biblical perspectives in missions to sharpen ourselves as we get going in missions.

1. Money and Missions: "When does giving money do more harm than good?"

**13 Oct, Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm, Zoom**

2. Business and Missions: "Is it really possible to make money and disciples?"

**10 Nov, Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm, Zoom**

3. Missions & You : "When or where does our mission journey start & end? When or where are we on mission?"

**8 Dec, Wednesday, 8.30-9.30pm, Zoom**

Sign up at:

[tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021](http://tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021)

## Zion Bishan is Growing! We're getting visitors regularly

Join the Hospitality Ministry and be part of the team. Contact Dn Justin Low (9731 1496)