

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 9, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 21:27-23:11

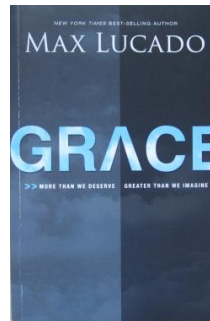
Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

## BEARING WITNESS IN JERUSALEM

Final Song

Benediction

### New in the Rosedale Library:



#### “GRACE”

A book written by Max Lucado. “Grace – more than we deserve – greater than we can imagine.” Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.

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# Rosedale Baptist Church



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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### Memory Work for Junior Church:

#### Younger Elementary

Catechism Questions:

**60. Q.** *Why must you hate and turn away from your sin?*

**A.** Because sin displeases God

**61. Q.** *What does it mean to believe in Christ?*

**A.** To trust in Christ alone for my salvation

#### Middle Elementary

Review: “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

## Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

### Monday

Dodge, Nicholas

### Tuesday

Field-Dodge, Patrick

### Wednesday

Doiron, Brenda

### Thursday

Evans, Tanya

### Friday

Forget, Bryan

### Saturday

Forget, Matthew

## This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 6:30pm  
Tuesday: Men’s Study – 9:30 am  
Wednesday: Seniors’ – 12:00 pm  
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm  
Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm  
Saturday: Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30am  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am  
Corporate Worship– 10:30 am

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**Dinner for Doctors:** Rosedale is hosting a fundraising dinner for doctors and help support New Life Associates (Joseph Kishore) to provide a salary for a doctor in Hyderabad India. A donation for this cause would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up in foyer! Friday, February 28 at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

**Parents Meeting for Junior Church:** All parents are encouraged to attend a short meeting on Sunday February 16 immediately following the morning service. We will be discussing how to best use the curriculum at home, as well as some important information related to our anti-abuse policy - ‘Plan to Protect’.

**Open Arms Collection:** This month (Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>) Rosedale has been asked to collect Canned Soup for the mission.

**Service Opportunity:** Would you like to provide a meal for someone in the church family next time there is a need? Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

## Bearing Witness in Jerusalem

Acts 21:1-27- 23:11

- The closing chapters of Acts are very important in discerning Luke’s overarching purposes in writing this book

- He wants to demonstrate that Christianity is the true expression of Biblical Judaism
- He wants to show that Christianity is no political threat to Roman authority
- He wants us to see continuity between Jesus’ ministry and the ministry of the Apostles
- He wants us to see the unshakable Providence of God in all events that occur

- Today we will look at Paul’s arrest and his first defense before the Jews where Luke emphasizes the continuity between Christianity and Biblical Judaism

### **I. Accused and Arrested (21:27-36)**

- 1) The Jewish Accusations
  - a. Teaching against Jews/Jewish culture
  - b. Turning against the Law of Moses
  - c. Teaching against the Temple
  - d. Bringing a Gentile into the Temple
    - i. False in a strictly literal sense
    - ii. True in a broader theological sense!! (cf. Eph 2:11-22)
- 2) The Biblical Parallels
  - a. Same accusations made against Jesus
  - b. Same accusations made against Stephen
    - i. Ironical twist that Saul the Pharisee has now switched places with Stephen
    - ii. Irony that Paul is ‘rescued’ from certain death by the Roman authorities

1. Claudius Lysias mistakes Paul for an Egyptian assassin!! (sicarii)
2. Paul is given an opportunity to speak publicly in his own defense

### **II. Defense Before the Jews (21:37- 23:10)**

- 1) Testimony in the Temple
  - a. Christianity is not ‘anti-Jewish’
    - i. Speaks in Aramaic
    - ii. Identifies with the Jewish crowd
    - iii. Identifies with their religious ‘zeal’
    - iv. Gives his ‘Jewish’ credentials
    - v. Emphasizes the ministry of Ananias – “a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews” (v. 12)
    - vi. Prayer and vision was in the Temple
  - b. Christianity is the fulfillment of Judaism
    - i. Proclaims Jesus of Nazareth as the risen and ascended Messiah
    - ii. Proclaims salvation for the Gentiles in accordance with the Old Testament
- 2) Trial before the Sanhedrin
  - a. Comparison and Contrast with Jesus
    - i. Both appeared before the High Priest
    - ii. Jesus turns the other cheek, while Paul loses his temper for a moment
  - b. Paul uses this opportunity to evangelize the Pharisees

### **III. Divine Comfort (23:11)**

- 1) Encouragement
- 2) Commendation
  - a. Paul’s suffering was for a purpose
  - b. Paul had fulfilled his mandate by testifying accurately to the truth about Jesus
- 3) Motivation – onward to Rome!