

Missing the Messiah.
(Acts 24-28)

- 1. There are many who anticipated the Messiah and when He came, they rejected Him and His message of Hope. (Acts 24-26:8)**
 - a. Many were willing to trade the truth for their own agenda.
 - b. Jesus was the long-anticipated Messiah fulfilling the hundreds of predictions that preceded his coming.
 - c. There are many ways to miss the Messiah. Many are blinded by pride, selfishness, greed, and indifference.
- 2. Through Jesus Christ the light pierced the darkness. (Acts 26:9-28:30)**
 - a. The darkness and deception of the world is very real.
 - b. The Messiah came to open our eyes, so that we may turn from darkness to light.
 - c. Paul remained steadfast in his commitment to articulate hope to a world that desperately needs it.

Questions for application and discussion.

- a. What do you think made Paul willing to die for the message of the Gospel?
- b. Even though there is incredible evidence that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the long-awaited Messiah, why do you believe so many still reject him?
- c. How might we mute the message of Christ today?