

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 73--Acts 23

Introduction: After the Roman commander rescued Paul from the Jewish mob, he arranged for Paul to address his accusers. Paul wisely revealed the hope of the resurrection that he held and this cause him to find a more lenient viewing in the eyes of the Pharisees. Some of the Jews however were more determined than ever to kill him. When the commander was notified a death plot on Paul's life, he sent Paul to the governor, Felix, in Ceasarea. In this chapter we see how God was watching over Paul to protect him from danger and use him further in the cause of Christ.

Paul addresses the Jewish Council--Ac. 23:1-11

1. What was Paul's first statement to the Council? Why do you think Paul begins his address with a statement about his life?
2. Was Paul wrong in calling Ananias a white-washed wall? How might Mt. 10:19-20 help with this difficult passage?
3. How did Paul take advantage of the doctrinal differences between the Pharisees and Sadducees?
4. What assurance did the Lord give Paul the very night he had boldly witnessed to the cause of the Lord?

A death plot to kill Paul is revealed--Ac. 23:12-22

1. Describe the death plot the Jews arranged for Paul.
2. How was it made known to Paul?
3. What did the commander do when he found out that Paul's life was in danger?

Paul is moved to Caesarea--Ac. 23:23-35

1. Did Lysias tell the truth about his role in rescuing Paul from the Jews?

2. What did Felix promise Paul?