

## THE JEWISH PLOT TO MURDER THE APOSTLE PAUL

(Acts 23:11-35)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
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- A. Paul's Defense before the Jewish Crowd in Jerusalem (22:1-21)
- B. Paul's Defense before the Commander Claudius Lysias (22:23-29)
- C. Paul's Defense before the Sanhedrin (22:30-23:10)
- D. The Lord's Encouragement to Paul (23:11)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ by the masses, and the Sanhedrin, we can only imagine that as Paul sat in the soldier's barracks he was \_\_\_\_\_ by the events of the last couple of days.
  
2. The Lord Jesus appeared to Paul at this critical moment; He \_\_\_\_\_ the apostle that as he had proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem he was \_\_\_\_\_ to do so in Rome. (v. 11 cf. 9:4-6; 16:9; 18:9-10; 22:17-21)

### E. The Jews' Wicked Plot to Kill Paul (23:12-24)

1. The morning after God had \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver Paul safely to Rome, a group of 40 fanatical Jews \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ eat or drink anything until they had killed Paul. (vv. 12-13)
  
2. The fact that these conspirators \_\_\_\_\_ that members of the Sanhedrin would \_\_\_\_\_ participate in this murderous plot says a lot about the \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel's highest court. (vv. 14-15)

### F. Commander Lysias' Plan to Deliver Paul Safely to Caesarea (23:25-32)

1. Paul was in protective custody at Fort Antonia when \_\_\_\_\_ his sister's son heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ ambush in Jerusalem; the nephew came to see his uncle to \_\_\_\_\_ him of the plot. (v. 16)

2. With \_\_\_\_\_ sovereignty and \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility coming together here, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the centurion in charge to \_\_\_\_\_ the boy to Commander Lysias; he did just that. (vv. 17-18)
  
3. The commander took Paul's nephew by the hand and talked to him \_\_\_\_\_; the boy explained the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ among the 40, and how they were now waiting for his command. (vv. 19-22)
  
4. Lysias was definitely a man of action; he ordered that Paul be taken to Caesarea at about \_\_\_\_\_ PM under the cover of darkness with an armed escort of about \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers and calvary. (vv. 23-24)
  
5. Claudius Lysias wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ that would accompany the prisoner, \_\_\_\_\_ were to be delivered to Governor Felix; in the letter he laid out the essentials while \_\_\_\_\_ himself in the best possible light. (vv. 25-30)
  
6. The military escort dispensed their duties and brought Paul 37 miles to Antipatris; there the foot soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem while the \_\_\_\_\_ continued the additional 25 miles to Caesarea. (vv. 31-32)

#### **G. Paul's Preliminary Hearing with Governor Felix (23:33-35)**

1. After reading the letter from Lysias, Governor Felix personally asked Paul from what province he was from, and told him he would give him a \_\_\_\_\_ when his \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in Caesarea. (vv. 33-34)
  
2. God sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ Paul from the death plot in Jerusalem, He providentially gave him an \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to Caesarea, and now He providentially provided protection in very comfortable accommodations in Herod's Praetorium. (v. 35)

\* What can you learn from this chapter?