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[44_ACT_23_01 And Paul , earnestly beholding the council , said , men \[And \] brethren , I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day .](#)

[44_ACT_23_02 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth .](#)

[44_ACT_23_03 Then said Paul unto him , God shall smite thee , \[thou \] whited wall : for sittest thou to judge me after the law , And commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law ?](#)

[44_ACT_23_04 And they that stood by said , Revilest thou God's high priest ?](#)

[44_ACT_23_05 Then said Paul , I wist not , brethren , that he was the high priest : for it Is written , thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people .](#)

[44_ACT_23_06 but when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees , And the other Pharisees , he cried out in the council , men \[And \] brethren , I am A Pharisee , the son of A Pharisee : of the hope And resurrection of the dead I am called in question .](#)

[44_ACT_23_07 And when he had So said , there arose A dissension between the Pharisees And the Sadducees : And the multitude was divided .](#)

[44_ACT_23_08 for the Sadducees say that there Is no resurrection , neither angel , nor spirit : but the Pharisees confess Both .](#)

[44_ACT_23_09 And there arose A great cry : And the scribes \[that were \] of the Pharisees' part arose , And strove , saying , we find no evil in this man : but if A spirit or an angel hath spoken to him , let us not fight against God .](#)

[44_ACT_23_10 And when there arose A great dissension , the chief captain , fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them , commanded the soldiers to go down , And to take him by force from among them , And to bring \[him \] into the castle .](#)

[44_ACT_23_11 And the night following the LORD stood by him , And said , be of good cheer , Paul : for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem , So must thou bear witness also at Rome .](#)

[44_ACT_23_12 And when it was day , certain of the Jews banded together , And bound themselves under A curse , saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul .](#)

[44_ACT_23_13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy .](#)

[44_ACT_23_14 And they came to the chief priests And elders , And said , we have bound ourselves under A great curse , that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul .](#)

[44_ACT_23_15 now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow , as though ye would Inquire something more perfectly concerning him : And we , or ever he come near , are ready to kill him .](#)

[44_ACT_23_16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait , he went And entered into the castle , And told Paul .](#)

44_ACT_23_17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto [him] , And said , bring this young man unto the chief captain : for he hath A certain thing to tell him .

44_ACT_23_18 So he took him , And brought [him] to the chief captain , And said , Paul the prisoner called me unto [him] , And prayed me to bring this young man unto thee , who hath something to say unto thee .

44_ACT_23_19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand , And went [with him] aside privately , And asked [him] , what Is that thou hast to tell me ?

44_ACT_23_20 And he said , the Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council , as though they would Inquire somewhat of him more perfectly .

44_ACT_23_21 but do not thou yield unto them : for there Lie in wait for him of them more than forty men , which have bound themselves with an oath , that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him : And now are they ready , looking for A promise from thee .

44_ACT_23_22 So the chief captain [Then] let the young man Depart , And charged [him , see thou] tell no man that thou hast showed These things to me .

44_ACT_23_23 And he called unto [him] two centurions , saying , make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea , And horsemen threescore And ten , And spearmen two hundred , at the third hour of the night ;

44_ACT_23_24 And provide [them] beasts , that they may set Paul on , And bring [him] safe unto Felix the governor .

44_ACT_23_25 And he wrote A letter after this manner :

44_ACT_23_26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix [sendeth] greeting .

44_ACT_23_27 this man was taken of the Jews , And should have been killed of them : Then came I with an army , And rescued him , having understood that he was A Roman .

44_ACT_23_28 And when I would have known the cause Wherefore they accused him , I brought him forth into their council :

44_ACT_23_29 whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law , but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds .

44_ACT_23_30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man , I sent straightway to thee , And gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what [they had] against him . Farewell .

44_ACT_23_31 Then the soldiers , as it was commanded them , took Paul , And brought [him] by night to Antipatris .

44_ACT_23_32 on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him , And returned to the castle :

44_ACT_23_33 who , when they came to Caesarea , And delivered the epistle to the governor , presented Paul also before him .

44_ACT_23_34 And when the governor had read [the letter] , he asked of what province he was . And when he understood that [he was] of Cilicia ;

44_ACT_23_35 I will hear thee , said he , when thine accusers are also come . And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall .