

ACTS CHAPTER 23 – ADDRESSING THE MOB IN JERUSALEM

The Sanhedrin Divided (v.1-10) – Questions 1-4

The Plot Against Paul (vs. 11-22) – Questions 5-7

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Would you please study the TWENTY-THIRD chapter of Acts? After reading it a time or two, become familiar with the questions asked below and give your answers. We will discuss these during our meeting on Tuesday! See you there!!

Discussion Questions:

The Sanhedrin Divided (v.1-10) – Questions 1-4

1. *How did Paul address the council in verse one? What was the reaction of the high priest Ananias? (v. 2) How did Paul respond? (v.3)*

2. *In verse five, Paul mentioned “for it is written”. What does that phrase always mean to the Jewish leaders? -- That it is written in the Old Testament? Or that it is the tradition or writings of men? Hint: This phrase always means that it was written in the scriptures.*

3. *In observing the council, what two groups did Paul perceive that made up the council? (v. 6) What two beliefs were mentioned that were one of the most significant differences between these two groups? (v. 8)*

4. *How great was the dissention between these two groups? (v. 10) How did the commander’s reaction testify to the greatness of the dissention? (v. 10)*

The Plot Against Paul (vs. 11-22) – Questions 5-7

5. *Briefly describe the intervention of the Lord to Paul the following night. (v. 11) How do we know that Paul was discouraged as to the outcome of his sermon to his Jewish brothers? (v. 11) Did Paul’s testimony please the Lord? What additional instruction did the Lord give Paul? (v. 11)*

6. How serious were the “more than forty” Jews in their intent to kill Paul? (vs. 12-13) What suggestion did they make to the council and to the commander regarding Paul? (v. 15) How was this plot discovered? (vs. 16-18)

7. What account did Paul’s sister’s son give privately to the commander regarding this plot? (vs. 20-21) Following the commander’s hearing of the intended plot, what did he command the young man to do? (v. 22)

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8. Following the commander’s hearing of the plot, what plans did he make regarding Paul’s safety? (vs. .23-25) Where did he plan to take Paul? How many soldiers, horsemen and spearmen were involved? (v. 23) What time of the day or night was the move to Caesarea to be made? (vs.23-24)

9. To whom did the commander address the letter advising of the plan to move Paul to Caesarea? (v. 26) Did the commander indicate that the charges against Paul were deserving of Paul’s death? (v. 29)

10. When they brought Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea, how far did the seventy horsemen accompany the group? (v. 31) When the governor received Paul and the letter, what was his response? (v. 35) Where did he command that Paul be held? (v. 35)
