

## Acts 23

### Questions

1. What did Paul say about his character in his defense before the Jewish council (23:1)?
2. What did Paul say to the high priest and why (23:2-5)?
3. What did Paul say that divided the council (23:6-7)?
4. What did the Pharisees and the Sadducees believe concerning the resurrection (23:8-9)?
5. What did the Roman commander order concerning Paul (23:10)?
6. What word of encouragement did Jesus offer Paul in the night (23:11)?
7. What plot was formed by the Jews against Paul (23:12-15)?
8. How was this plot thwarted (23:16-22)?
9. Where did the Roman commander send Paul (23:23-24)?
10. What was the basic content of the letter that Claudius Lysias sent to Felix (23:25-30)?

11. Where was Paul kept prior to his defense before Felix (23:31-35)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Was this high priest, Ananias, the same high priest as the one mentioned earlier in the book of Acts (23:2, 4, 5; 24:1; see also 22:5)?

2. What OT scripture did Paul quote in 23:5 and how did Paul not know who the high priest was?

3. Where in the gospels are we told about the Sadducees' rejection of the resurrection (23:8)?

4. Where previously in the book of Acts did the Lord appear to Paul at night to comfort and encourage him (23:11)?

5. When was the "third hour of the night" (23:23; see the NIV)?

6. Who was Felix the governor (23:24, 33)?

7. What was Herod's palace (23:35)?

8. Where were Antipatris (23:31), Caesarea (23:33), and Cilicia (23:34) located?

### **Applications for Today**

1. Let us live each day with a good conscience before God (23:1; 1 Pet. 3:16).

2. Live a life that is controlled each day by the principles of God's law (23:5; Mt. 4:10; Rom. 12:19).
3. Don't ever be afraid to speak up for the truth (23:6; Eph. 6:14).
4. We live with the hope of a resurrection of the dead (23:6; 1 Pet. 1:3).
5. Let the Lord comfort you through his word (23:11; Rom. 15:4).
6. No matter who you are, you can do what you can to protect the innocent (23:16; Prov. 1:10-11).