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Acts 22:30 – 23:11

- Having discovered Paul was a Roman citizen there are 2 questions that the chief priest has the answer
- 1. They needed to let Paul know what his official charges were
- 2. He would have to let his superiors know exactly what the charges are
- Still there have been no official charges that have been proven in court
- Paul did not violate the Lord's commands or his own conscience – v.1
- Paul didn't have his conscience seared – 1 Timothy 4:2
- Ananias had the people around Paul **beat** him
- Like a whitewashed wall, Ananias looked all right on the outside but was weak and deteriorating inwardly
- Paul responds and then calls them a hypocrite – Acts 23:3
- Paul didn't recognize that he was a **priest**.
- He didn't have on his priestly garments and Paul probably didn't know Ananias or had just met him a couple times
- Paul had respect for his position even though he personally had issues with Ananias – Acts 23:5
- Paul caused another argument when Paul said he was a Pharisee
- Both the Pharisees and Sadducees were divided over this
- As tensions rose and the Pharisees and scribes backed Paul. Paul became in danger so the Roman soldiers took Paul away from the situation
- This was the safest for Paul so that he wouldn't be **killed**
- The next night we see that God encourages Paul to do the same thing when he goes to Rome
- Rome is still in God's plan for Paul and something that is fast approaching

Acts 23:12 – 22

- Paul's life had been in danger since he started seriously following Christ
- The Jews are still mad at Paul and are taking this seriously

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- **40** of them decided to not eat or drink till they kill Paul – Acts 23:12-13
- These Jews went and told the chief priest there plans
- This shows that they can't find actually fault in Paul – Acts 23:14-15
- Paul was in prison and guarded so this would have been pretty much impossible for them to follow through with this plan
- Paul heard about this from family and told the guard what was going to happen
- The Tribune was a people appointed Roman official that would have helped the people and would have had some influence at where Paul was staying
- The Tribune warned Paul's nephew not to tell **anyone** that he has informed him
- Paul is in clear danger but this isn't the first or the last time this will happen

Acts 23:23-35 – Paul sent away

- Upon hearing this Paul was sent away
- From Jerusalem to Caesarea was around **65** miles
- Paul was sent away by a great army so that he was safe
- Paul was going to be taken to Felix in Caesarea
- Felix got a letter explaining the situation
- The letter explained that Paul was going to be killed by 40 Jews and that he was brought here for his safety
- Paul was in prison until his accusers could be there to **testify** against him in court
- Up until this point they still haven't officially charged on Paul
- Paul has been very familiar with the believers in Caesarea
- Some wonder if the believers knew that he was in prison there