

Paul is delivered safely to Caesarea
God's will is good and is never thwarted

Acts 22:30 But on the next day, wishing to know for certain why he {Paul} had been accused by the Jews, he {the chiliarch} released him and ordered the chief priests and all the ~~Council~~ **Sanhedrin** to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

Acts 23:1 Paul, looking intently at the **Sanhedrin**, said, "**Brothers**, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

2 The high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall!

Do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?"

4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, **brothers**, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'You SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.'"

6 But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the **Sanhedrin**, "**Brothers**, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!"

7 As he said this, there occurred a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

9 And there occurred a great uproar; and some of the scribes of the Pharisaic party stood up and began to argue heatedly, saying, "We find nothing wrong with this man; suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"

10 And as a great dissension was developing, ~~the commander~~ **the chiliarch** was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them and ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force, and bring him into the barracks.

11 But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also."

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and ~~acceptable~~ **pleasant** and perfect.

Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Matthew 9:2 And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven."

Matthew 14:25-26 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

12 When it was day, the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13. There were more than forty who formed this plot.

14 They came to the chief priests and the elders and said, "We have bound ourselves under a solemn oath to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 Now therefore, you and the **Sanhedrin** notify the **chiliarch** to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case by a more thorough investigation; and we for our part are ready to slay him before he comes near the place."

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, and he came and entered the barracks and told Paul.

Philippians 3:8 I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things...

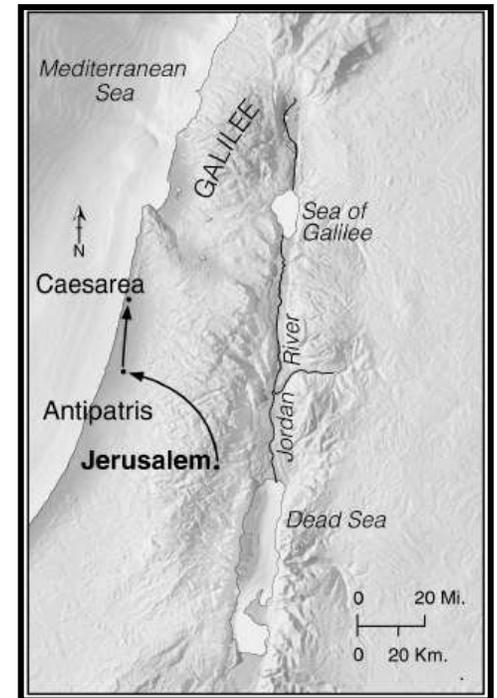
17 Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Lead this young man to the **chiliarch**, for he has something to report to him."

18 So he took him and led him to the **chiliarch** and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to him and asked me to lead this young man to you since he has something to tell you."

19 The **chiliarch** took him by the hand and stepping aside, began to inquire of him privately, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

20 And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down tomorrow to the **Sanhedrin**, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more thoroughly about him.

- 21 So do not listen to them, for more than forty of them are lying in wait for him who have bound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they slay him; and now they are ready and waiting for the promise from you."
- 22 So the **chiliarch** let the young man go, instructing him, "Tell no one that you have notified me of these things."
- 23 And he called to him two of the centurions and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by the third hour of the night to proceed to Caesarea, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen."
- 24 They were also to provide mounts to put Paul on and bring him safely to Felix the governor.
- 25 And he wrote a letter having this form:
- 26 "Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, greetings.
- 27 "When this man was arrested by the Jews and was about to be slain by them, I came up to them with the troops and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.
- 28 - 29 "And wanting to ascertain the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their **Sanhedrin** Council; and I found him to be accused over questions about their Law, but under no accusation deserving death or imprisonment.
- 30 "When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, also instructing his accusers to bring charges against him before you."
- 31 So the soldiers, in accordance with their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.
- 32 But the next day, leaving the horsemen to go on with him, they returned to the barracks.
- 33 When these had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.
- 34-35 When he had read it, he asked from what province he was, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, "I will give you a hearing after your accusers arrive also," giving orders for him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium {*i.e.* the governor's official residence}.



Psalm 103:10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

~~Nor rewarded~~ Nor **repaid** us according to our iniquities