

Paul Moved to Caesarea
Lesson 7
Acts 23:12-35

The Roman Commander was still unclear on just who Paul was and what he had done that caused near riots, even in the Sanhedrin.

The Plot - Acts 23:12-22

1. The next morning, while Paul was safely under guard in the Roman barracks, what were “some Jews” planning? (Acts 23:12)
 - How many were involved in this? (Acts 23:13)
2. To whom did they reveal their plan? (Acts 23:14)
3. How did they need this group’s support? (Acts 23:15a)
4. What was their part in this plan? (Acts 23:15b)
5. But, that was not God’s plan. Who became God’s messenger? (Acts 23:16)
6. How was this messenger able to make the plan known? (Acts 23:17-18a)
7. The Centurion’s report came in the form of a person. Using Acts 23:18-19:
 - Who did the Centurion say had sent him?

- What was the Commander's response?
8. The young man reported the plan (Acts 23:20) to the Commander. What counsel did he give the Commander? (Acts 23:21a)
- What other details did he add? (Acts 23:21b, c)
9. How did the Commander react to this news? (Acts 23:22)

The Transfer – Acts 23:23-35

10. Verse 23 gives details of several of the Commander's orders.
- How many Centurions did the Commander call into service?
 - How many foot soldiers would accompany them?
 - How many horsemen were being sent?
 - How many spearmen?
 - What was their destination?
 - When were they to leave?
 - Add up all the troops that would be going on this mission.
11. From Verse 24:
- What were the Commander's instructions regarding Paul?
 - What was their mission?

12. **Reflect:** If you were one of those soldiers being dispatched, what might you be thinking?
13. The Commander wrote a letter to be carried with Paul to Governor Felix. The letter began with the sender. What was the Commander's name? (Acts 23:26a)
14. Following the address to "*His Excellency, Governor Felix*" was "*Greetings.*" In that letter, what did the Commander highlight regarding:
- Paul (23:27a)
 - His own role (23:27b)
 - The reason (23:27b)
 - His action (23:28)
 - The case (23:29)
 - Why he was sending Paul (23:30a)
 - What could Governor Felix expect (23:30b)
15. Luke gave more details regarding that journey in Acts 23:31 & 32:
- What city did they reach that night?

- What were their orders for the next day?
16. When they arrived in Caesarea, *"They delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him."* (Acts 23:33) Governor Felix read the letter, and then what did he ask Paul? (Acts 23:34a)
- What was Paul's answer? (Acts 23:34b)
17. When did Governor Felix say that he would hear Paul's case? (Acts 23:35a)
18. Where did he order that Paul was to be kept under guard? (Acts 23:35b)