



Paul In Jerusalem & Caesarea Acts 23

Introduction

Unable to determine why trouble seemed to follow Paul, the Roman commander in charge of the apostle's safety brings him before the Jewish Sanhedrin, no doubt hoping to find answers there. However, not even the Council could come to agreement. The Jews again attempt to take Paul's life (vv. 12-15). It appeared the commander's only option was to remove Paul from Jerusalem. He sends him to Caesarea (*Roman capital of Judea*). Paul's fate will now be decided by Felix, the governor.

In Jerusalem (23:1-30)

- 1) As Paul is brought before the Council, what were his first words? (v. 1) *Thought questions:* how does this harmonize with what we know about Paul's prior actions from 7:58; 8:1, 3; 9:1-2; and 22:19-20? What does this tell us about the human conscience, especially as a "guide" for religious matters?
- 2) What did the high priest think of Paul's opening statement? (v. 2) How did Paul reply? (vv. 3-5)
- 3) What did Paul recognize about the makeup of the Council? (v. 6a) What did he do as a result? (vv. 6b-8)
- 4) What outcome did Paul's statement produce? (v. 9)

