

ACTS 22:30 – 23:35

1. Why did the commander order the Sanhedrin to assemble? (22:30)
2. What bold claims did Paul make? (23:1)
3. Ananias the high Priest orders Paul to be struck on the mouth. (23:2) For what reason?
4. What do you know about High Priest Ananias?
5. What was Paul's response to Ananias and why did he say he was a whitewashed wall? (23:3)
6. How did those standing nearby challenge Paul? (23:4-5) And what was Paul's response back to them?
7. How did Paul disrupt the proceedings and divide his enemies? (23:6–9)
8. Why was Paul in extreme danger? (23:10)
9. What did the Roman tribune fear and what did they do with Paul? (23:10)
10. How was Paul comforted and encouraged? (23:11)

11. Why did the Jews form a conspiracy? How many men were involved in the plot against Paul? How were the chief priests and elders accomplices in the plot against Paul? (23:12–15)

12. Before we get to the next events in verse 16-30, why was it that forty Jews who took an oath to kill Paul, didn't succeed in killing Paul?

13. When Paul's nephew heard about the plot, what did he do? (23:16)

14. How did the commander respond? (23:23-25)

15. What did the Tribune tell Felix about Paul? (23:26-30)

Note: This chapter ends with Paul imprisoned in Herod's Praetorium in Caesarea waiting for his accusers to come there for this hearing before Felix.

16. What does their complicity in the plot tell you about the chief priests and elders?

17. What do we learn about God's providence through the events that unfold as Paul navigates his trials?

18. How can Paul's example of standing firm in his faith during adversity inspire you in your own spiritual journey?