

## **THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF ACTS 23**

### **ACTS 23:16**

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

### **ACTS 23:17**

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

### **ACTS 23:18**

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

### **ACTS 23:19**

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

### **ACTS 23:20**

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

### **ACTS 23:21**

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

**ACTS 23:22**

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

**ACTS 23:23**

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

**ACTS 23:24**

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

**ACTS 23:25**

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

**ACTS 23:26**

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

**ACTS 23:27**

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

**ACTS 23:28**

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

**ACTS 23:29**

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

The officials in Philippi had almost apologized to Paul (Acts 16:35-40),

**Gallio in Corinth had refused to try him (Acts 18:14-15).**

In Ephesus, the town clerk told 25,000 people that the Christians were innocent of any crime (Acts 19:40),

**and now the Roman captain from the temple fortress was writing the same thing. Later, Festus (Acts 25:24-25) and Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:31-32) would also affirm that Paul should have been set free.**

Even the Jewish leaders in Rome had to confess that they had had no official news against Paul (Acts 28:21).

### **ACTS 23:30**

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

### **ACTS 23:31**

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

### **ACTS 23:32**

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

### **ACTS 23:33**

33 Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

### **MATTHEW 10:18**

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

### **ACTS 23:34**

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

### **ACTS 23:35**

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

### **ACTS 24:1**

1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

### **ACTS 24:2**

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

### **ACTS 24:3**

3 We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

### **ACTS 24:4**

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

### **ACTS 24:5**

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

### **ACTS 24:6**

6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

**ACTS 24:7**

7 But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

**ACTS 24:8**

8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

**ACTS 24:9**

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

**ACTS 24:10**

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

**ACTS 24:11**

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

**ACTS 24:12**

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: