

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 2:2

He is the atoning sacrifice for your sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

ACTS 23-1**"CHARGES AND CONSPIRACY"**
READ Acts 22:30 - 23:35**DAY 1 READ Acts 22:30-23:35**

1. What was significant to you in last week's lesson and lecture?
2. While you read today, discover what Paul discerned about . . .
 - a. the Sanhedrin
 - b. the Roman commander's leadership

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 22:30-23:5

- 3.a. Still concerned about "why" Paul caused such commotion, what did the Roman commander do?
- b. What do you think he hoped to learn?
4. Describe Paul's manner and statement to the Sanhedrin.
- 5.a. What indicates that emotions were running high in verses 2 and 3?
- b. How did Jesus describe "whitewash" in Matthew 23:27-28?
- c. What types of things tend to be whitewashed today by society?
- d. Whitewash will not do for the Christian. What is the only way to become truly clean?
- 6.a. When those standing near Paul rebuked him for insulting God's high priest, how did he accept it?
- b. Why do you think accepting/honoring authority is important?

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 23:6-11

7. How did Paul cause a division in the Sanhedrin?
8. Consider the instruction of Jesus in Matthew 10:16. Paul made a good application of that teaching. What do you think it means to be . . .
. . . like sheep among wolves?
. . . as shrewd as snakes?
. . . as innocent as doves?
- 9.a. In Acts 23:10, how was Paul rescued from violence?
- b. Since the meeting was called by the Roman commander, what opinion do you think he might have had about Paul now?
- 10.a. What do you learn in verse 11?
 - b. Write the encouraging words of Isaiah 41:13.

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 23:12-22

11. Regarding the conspiracy:
 - a. Who were the conspirators?
 - b. What was their oath?
 - c. What was their plan?
 - d. Why do you think the Jewish leaders would agree to participate in this type of conspiracy?
 - e. How do you think Paul felt when he heard of the plot from his nephew?
12. What more can we learn about the Roman commander from his treatment of Paul's nephew in verses 19-22?

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 23:23-35

13. What provision for Paul's safety did the commander make?
14. In his letter to Governor Felix . . .
 - a. What was the opinion of the commander according to verse 29?
 - b. What order did he give Paul's accusers?

ACTS 23-3

DAY 5 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 23:23-35

15. (IN-DEPTH) Paul was delivered safely and the plot failed. From your Bible knowledge, share some other evil plots that failed.

16.a. Paul was kept under guard in _____ to await what?

b. Paul would have five days (see Acts 24:1) to rest and refresh himself from the strain of arrest and confrontation before facing his accusers. What comfort might he have remembered from these Scriptures?
Job 12:13

Psalm 4:8

Psalm 116:7

Psalm 119:50

Isaiah 26:3

c. Share a verse you use to comfort and refresh your spirit.

17. Paul's accusers knew about Jesus. Paul knew Jesus personally. If you could take anyone in the world to meet Jesus personally, who would you take and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

ACTS 23-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

HISTORY NOTES:

Mary Jones 1784-1866

Constantine Tischendorf 1815-1874