

## Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –08/19/24

Lesson 24  
Acts 22:29-23:35

1. Read Acts 22:30-23:11. Why was Paul brought before the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Council of Jews? (v. 22:30)
2. What defense was Paul able to make before the Sanhedrin? (v. 23:1) Why was his defense cut short? (vv. 2-5)
3. In 23:1, Paul said he had “fulfilled his duty to God in all good conscience.” Was Paul claiming his conscience was infallible? What did he mean? Could Ananias or the Sanhedrin have made the same claim? Why or why not?
4. What role should the Word of God have in relation to one’s conscience?
5. How did Paul respond to his unjust treatment? Was Paul right in his rebuke of Ananias? (vv. 3-5)
6. Why did Paul bring up the Resurrection? What was the result? Why did the commander order his troops to take Paul back to the barracks?
7. Think about why Paul would have been discouraged. How did the vision and words of the Lord address those needs? What word of the Lord has encouraged you when you were discouraged?
8. Read Acts 23:12-35. Who plotted to kill Paul? (vv. 12-15) How did God intervene? (vv. 16-24) Who was in control of Paul’s life? Who is in control of your life?
9. Read this ancient letter from Claudius to Felix. Once again, how were the Romans more honorable than the Jews? List all the different people used by God to protect Paul and carry out God’s plan for his life. What does this teach you about God? Are the circumstances of our lives too complicated, too difficult, too depressing for God to use for our good?