

QUESTIONS

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible

DAY ONE: Read all notes and references

READING: Acts 20:4 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

1. a. What impressed you most about Paul in this week's lesson?

b. How about the lecture?

2. If you had been among the Gentiles who accompanied Paul to Jerusalem (Acts 20:4), what do you think your thoughts and feeling would have been concerning:

the events as they had transpired in Jerusalem?

the Jews in Jerusalem?

the Roman soldiers in Jerusalem?

DAY TWO: Read Acts 22:30-23:5

READING: Acts 22:30-23:5; Matthew 26:57-59; Acts 4:5-13; Acts 5:17-27; Acts 6:8-12; Hebrews 9:14; Hebrews 10:22; John 18:19-24 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

3. a. What was the Roman commander's reason for taking Paul before the council (Sanhedrin)?

b. Who had previously been taken before the Sanhedrin in:

Matthew 26:57-59

Acts 4:5-13

Acts 5:17-27

Acts 6:8-12

4. a. How did Paul begin his defense before the Sanhedrin?

b. From Hebrews 9:14 and 10:22, how is it possible to live in *all good conscience* before God?

c. Would you say that you are living with a clear conscience today? Why or why not?

5. a. How did Ananias, the high priest, respond to Paul's claim?

b. What was Paul's retort to Ananias? Compare Paul's response with Jesus' response in John 18:19-24.

c. What was so wrong about what Ananias had done? Give verse.

6. a. From Paul's words of apology, do you think he truly had respect for Ananias? Give reasons to support your answer.

b. Considering your answer to the previous question, how might you apply the principle learned in Acts 23:5?

DAY THREE: Read Acts 23:6-11

READING: Acts 23:6-11; Colossians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Acts 4:1-4; Acts 5:34; Acts 5:35; Acts 5:38; Acts 5:39 [\[Open NKJV\]](#) [\[Open NIV\]](#)

7. a. What did Paul declare to be the real reason he was on trial?

b. Use the following verses to describe the *hope* Paul spoke of.

Colossians 1:23

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

Titus 3:4-7

1 Peter 1:3-4

c. In your own words, describe what your *hope* is.

8. a. Why did Paul's outburst cause dissension in the council?

b. Who took Paul's side? Why?

c. What had been the attitude of the Sadducees (Acts 4:1-4) and the Pharisees (Acts 5:34,35,38,39) in the past?

9. Why did Paul have to be taken back to the barracks?

10. a. How did God encourage Paul after this incident?

b. ? (Thought Question) When had God previously encouraged Paul in a similar way? Give verses if you can.

c. Share about a time in your life when God used His Word to encourage you.

DAY FOUR: Read Acts 23:12-23

READING: Acts 23:12-23 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

11. a. Describe the conspiracy against Paul.

b. Why do you think the conspirators were eager to implement their plan so quickly (*tomorrow* in verse 20)?

12. a. Who heard about the conspiracy, and what did he do to help Paul?

b. What was the commander's immediate response when he heard about the

plot?

c. Why do you think he instructed the boy as he did?

13. a. After Paul's nephew left the barracks, what did the Roman commander do?

b. How many men would guard Paul on the trip to Caesarea?

c. Using only today's verses, what lesson do you learn about the treatment of God's servants?

DAY FIVE: Read Acts 23:24-30

READING: Acts 23:24-30; Acts 24:24-27; Acts 18:12-15; Acts 22:22-29 [[Open NKJV](#)]
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14. a. Before whom would Paul appear in Caesarea?

b. From Acts 24:24-27, what kind of a man do you think he was?

15. From the commander's (Claudius Lysias) letter to Felix:

why was Paul in Roman custody?

what did Lysias know concerning the Jews' accusation against Paul?

how was the conclusion Lysias reached similar to that of the proconsul Gallio in Acts 18:12-15?

why had Paul been sent to Felix in such haste?

16. a. What major fact (from Acts 22:22-29) had Lysias left out of his letter?

b. What do you find ironic about which group of people opposed Paul and which group defended Paul?

c. What's the lesson learned here?

DAY SIX: Read Acts 23:31-35

READING: Acts 23:31-35; Philippians 4:4 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

17. a. Who delivered Paul and Lysias' letter to Felix?

b. Why did Felix put off hearing Paul's case?

18. a. In Philippians 4:4, (a letter which Paul wrote several years later) he said, *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say rejoice.* What specific reasons did Paul have for rejoicing at

this particular time in his life?

b. Would you blame Paul if he did not *rejoice in the Lord* in the circumstances in which he found himself? Why or why not?

c. What do you think is the benefit to a person who disciplines himself to *rejoice in the Lord*?

19. ♥ (Heart Question) What specific reasons do you have for rejoicing at this time in your life? List them and pause to *rejoice in the Lord*.