

**Lesson 18**

**Day 1: Commentary Notes and Lecture**

1. How did the commentary notes on Lesson 17 help you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What inspired you from the lecture on Lesson 18?

**Day 2: Read Acts 23:1-5** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. A. How did Paul open his speech to the Sanhedrin in verse 1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. How did the High Priest, Ananias, react in verse 2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What was Paul's response in verses 3 and 5?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is admirable about anything Paul said or did in verses 1-5?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is something you will apply from verses 1-5?

**Day 3: Read Acts 23:6-10; Matthew 10:16; Mark 12:13-17** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. What was Paul's strategy in addressing the Sanhedrin? How did it work out for Paul (verses 6-10)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What do you learn about "shrewdness" from Paul's actions in verses 6-10 and from the cross references below?

Matthew 10:16

Mark 12:13-17

8. In what situation in your life might you need to act shrewdly? Explain how you can be shrewd without sinning.

**Day 4: Read Acts 23:11-22** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. A. What happened to Paul in verse 11 and what effect might it have to his future ministry?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Describe what 40 men vowed in verses 12-15.

C. What providential intervention did God provide Paul (verses 16-22)?

10. What attribute of God is exhibited in verses 11-22?

11. Write a prayer to God expressing your gratefulness for the attribute you recorded in Question 10.

**Day 5: Read Acts 23:23-35** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. Summarize what the Roman commander did to insure Paul's safe transfer to Caesarea (verses 23-35).

13. Assuming both the Roman commander, Claudius Lysias and the Roman Governor Felix, were NOT followers of Jesus, does it surprise you that God uses non-believers to accomplish His purpose and will? Explain your answer.

14. Describe a time in your life when God used a non-believer to influence or accomplish His will for you.

**Day 6: Review Acts 23** [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. What is your main take-away from Acts 23?

16. How will you respond to Acts 23?