

God's Provision for Paul  
Acts 22:22-23:11  
January 29, 2023

Review:

- Paul's Defense before the Jews – "Away with him!"

Reaction & Response – 22:22-29

- Reaction – Riot restarting!
- Response part 1 (Commander)– Shake-down!
- Response part 2 (Paul) – Shake-up!
- Response part 3 (Commander) – Back-track!
  - Commander: "My citizenship was costly!"
  - Paul: "I was born a citizen."
  - Room is cleared!

Paul before the Sanhedrin – 22:30-23:11

- Report still needed – how do you explain the riot?
  - Paul released.
  - Sanhedrin assembled.
- Paul in charge.
  - Interplay pt. 1
    - Paul spoke 1<sup>st</sup> – My conscience is clear.
    - High priest has Paul struck.
    - Paul – God will judge you! (See Ezekiel 13:10-12)
    - Others – That is the High Priest!
    - Paul – Quotes the Law!
  - Interplay pt. 2
    - Sadducees (majority) & Pharisees (minority)
    - Issue: Resurrection from the dead (JESUS!)
    - Dispute breaks out – verge of riot (again!)
  - Paul removed into protective custody.
- Final Word: Jesus in a vision
  - Take courage!
  - Jerusalem is not the end! (Off to Rome!)

Application:

- God's Providential Plan – What has God allowed in your past that shapes who you are today?
- God's Providential Plan – Take courage.