

Acts 23:12-35
God's Providence
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Review: Paul's ministry unraveling!

- Falsely accused and detained in Jerusalem.
- "Handed over to the Gentiles" – Acts 21:11; Mark 10:33; Luke 18:32

Story:

- The Plot to Execute Paul 12-15
 - Conspiracy – 40+ men/ Total Commitment – Blind Rage
 - The Sanhedrin is complicit. (see John 11:47-53)
- The Plot Revealed 16-22
 - Paul's nephew – overheard the plot
 - Went to Paul in the barracks
 - Sent to Centurion
 - Centurion took the information seriously
- Secret Preparations 23-30
 - Two centurions/ 200 infantry/ 70 Cavalry/ 200 spearmen – 470!
 - Leave at night!
 - Letter to the Governor
 - Explains the drastic steps taken
 - Slight embellishment – "I learned he is a Roman citizen."
 - Verdict from the investigation – No charge that deserved death...
 - But Paul is still detained.
- The Plan Executed 31-35
 - Paul and his entourage traveled during the night
 - The infantry returned – cause for alarm has passed.
 - Paul delivered over to Felix
 - From the frying pan into the fire...

Application:

- Do you feel abandoned?
 - The Seasons of Silence – God is still working! Acts 23:11