



4. Paul's statement in **Acts 23:6** caused a dispute to break out between two factions of the Sanhedrin as described in **V7-10**.
- a) What did Paul proclaim and how did the beliefs of the two factions differ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Which faction was not convinced of Paul's crime and how did the dispute end?
5. **Read V11** about Paul's visitor while he is in protective custody. What important assurance does Paul receive and from whom?
6. Summarize the crime described in **V12-15**. What is unsettling about the evil plot against Paul?
7. a) According to **V16-22**, who did **God** use to foil the plot? Detail what this young man did and what fears he might have had to overcome.
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- b) Give some other examples from the Bible or your own experience where **God** used the "small" to stand up to the "mighty".

8. What were the main points of the commander's letter to Governor Felix from **V25-30**? How accurate was the letter? See **Acts 22:23-29**.
9. Who were Paul's unlikely protectors in **Acts 23:23-24; 31-35**? When have you experienced **God** working in unexpected ways to protect you?

10. **REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS**

**Jesus** knew that Paul was in the middle of fearful circumstances and would have more persecution ahead: "**The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."** **Acts 23:11**. Think of someone you know who is in the middle of their own fearful circumstances. Write out a prayer asking the **Lord** to stand near them and give them courage.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**