

1. Keep *The Laws* Of The _____...

...So You Are Able To Play The _____ Card.

Acts 22:22-24 (NIV2011) “[The crowd] raised their voices and shouted, ‘Rid the earth of him! He’s not fit to live!’”²³ As they were shouting and throwing off [tearing] their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, ²⁴ the commander ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. He directed that [Paul] be flogged and interrogated in order to find out why the people were shouting at him like this.”

Acts 22:25 (NIV2011) “As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, ‘Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn’t even been found guilty?’”

Acts 22:26 (NIV2011) “When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. ‘What are you going to do?’ he asked. ‘This man is a Roman citizen.’”

Acts 22:27-28 (NIV2011) “The commander went to Paul and asked, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?’ ‘Yes, I am,’ he answered. ²⁸ Then the commander said, ‘I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship.’ ‘But I was born a citizen,’ Paul replied.”

Acts 22:29 (NIV2011) “Those who were about to interrogate [Paul] withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.”

2. Keep *The Law* Of The _____...

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Acts 22:30 (NIV2011) “The commander wanted to find out exactly why Paul was being accused by the Jews. So the next day he released him and ordered the chief priests and all the members of the Sanhedrin to assemble. Then he brought Paul and had him stand before them.”

Acts 23:1 (NIV2011) “Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, ‘My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day.’”

Acts 23:2-5 (NIV2011) “At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. ³ Then Paul said to him, ‘God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the Law, yet you yourself violate the Law by commanding that I be struck!’ ⁴ Those who were standing near Paul said, ‘How dare you insult God’s high priest!’ ⁵ Paul replied, ‘Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: “Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.””

Acts 23:6 (NIV2011) “Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, ‘My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead.’”

Acts 23:7-9 (NIV2011) “When [Paul] said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸ (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.) ⁹ There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the Law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. ‘We find nothing wrong with this man,’ they said. ‘What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?’”

Acts 23:10 (NIV2011) “The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks.”