


The Gospel and Mind-Blindness

Acts 22.12-21

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The Setup

- Paul presents himself as a good citizen, seeking peace.
- The tribune sees him as a revolutionary.
- Paul rejects the association that he is a danger to Rome.



2

The Speech



- I was once like you,
- But then I encountered Jesus and received a commission.
- That commission was to witness to the identity of Jesus.
- I was faithful to that commission despite opposition from my Jewish brothers.

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Response

- Paul's empathy clashes with their hatred.
- The Romans seek to bring peace at Paul's expense.
- Paul uses his Roman citizenship to advance God's cause.