



God's "A" Plan  
The Book Of Acts  
Acts 22:30-23:22  
"But God's Plan..."

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Matthew 10:16–20

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."



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## Acts 22:30-23:22



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### Enraged - vs. 22:30-23:5

Much uncertainty

- Roman leadership was still unclear about the accusations
- Attempt to gain clarification of the accusations that the Jewish leaders desired to kill Paul
- City was in uproar the previous day and Paul extracted from the mob
- Claim of citizenship stops flogging the truth out of Paul



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## Enraged - vs. 22:30-23:5

Much uncertainty

Not human might

- Paul's demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit
  - Physically
  - Emotionally
  - Spiritually
- Great boldness in his words
- Ability to proclaim the truth of his testimony



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## Enraged - vs. 22:30-23:5

Much uncertainty

Not human might

Firm rejection and reaction

- Paul's demonstration of the bold power of the Holy Spirit
  - The high priest, Ananias, commanded Paul be stroke in the mouth
  - Paul response:
 

“God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”



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Firm rejection and reaction

- Paul's demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit
- Religious leaders' history of misrepresenting God's will
  - Matthew 23 – “The Seven Woes” from Jesus concerning the religious leaders
  - Throughout the four gospels interaction with Jesus
  - Opposition to the first century church
  - Fear of losing their power of the people



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Much uncertainty

Not human might

Firm rejection and reaction

- Paul's demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit
- Religious leaders' history of misrepresenting God's will
- Question surrounding the high priest
  - Paul's absents from Jerusalem and the changing of the high priest
  - Paul's poor eyesight and not visually recognizing the high priest
  - Jesus is now our high priest and the earthly office has ended



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## Encouraged - vs. 6-11

Godly wisdom on display

- Paul's understanding of the conflicts between the two sects of religious leaders
  - Pharisees believe in the resurrection, angels, and the spirit
  - Sadducees did not hold to any resurrection, possibility of angels, or belief about spirits



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- Paul's understanding of the conflicts between the two sects of religious leaders
- Remember the constant attempt to trap Jesus in His words with the law
- Paul used the division in beliefs to his advantage



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## Encouraged - vs. 6-11

Godly wisdom on display

Religious division never wins

- Pharisees were appeased at Paul's testimony – believed Paul could have seen a spirit or an angel
- Sadducees were enraged with the Pharisees
- Violence erupted again between the two groups with Paul in the middle
- So violent, the tribune was fearful for Paul's life
- Taken out the situation by force by soldiers



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Religious division never wins

Renewed hope

- The Lord appears and speaks to Paul:  
“Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”

- Chosen vessel from salvation:

Acts 9:15–16

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”



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Renewed hope

Paul's desire to go to Rome becoming a reality

- Romans 15:22-25

This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.



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## Escape - vs. 12-22

Unwavering determination to kill Paul... stop the spread of the gospel

- Over forty men took a vow not to eat or drink until Paul was dead
- Plotted an ambush and conspiracy to trick the commanders



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## Escape - vs. 12-22

Unwavering determination to kill Paul... stop the spread of the gospel

Unlikely witness demonstrated bravery

- Paul's nephew heard the plan to ambush and kill Paul
- Relayed the plan to Paul
- Paul request his nephew be taken to the tribune
- His nephew gains an audience with the tribune
- The tribune listens to the message



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## Escape - vs. 12-22

Unwavering determination to kill Paul... stop the spread of the gospel

Unlikely witness demonstrated bravery

Unraveling plan

- The tribune reacts to the testimony
- Keep the message private
- More action getting ready to set in action



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**God Calls You.  
God Provides  
Faith Required**

