

## **Acts 22:30- 23:33 “Confrontations and Comfort”**

### **Acts 22:30- 23:1**

Paul the Lightning Rod and Hot Potato

- A 2nd Riot and in Legal Jeopardy

Before the Jewish Religious Council- Sanhedrin

- Sadducees: Rationalists, Watered the Word
- Pharisees : Legalists, Added to the Word
- 5th & Final Time, God is Still Knocking

### **Acts 23:1-5**

A Good Conscience?

- Right with Men, Right with God
- Not a Reliable Source, The Word or World

Ananias Has Paul Punched in the Mouth!

- White Washed Tomb, Outside- Inside
- Whoops! Ananias was Gone in 66 ad

### **Acts 23:6-10**

Paul Perceived..... It Won't be a Fair Trial

- Theological Opposites, Divide & Conquer
- Holy, Prestigious Men..... Going Nuts!

Riot #3 For Paul

- The Real Issue? Jesus and the Resurrection
- Lifelong Dream..... Tastes Like Failure

### **Acts 23:11**

1. Jesus Stood By Him

- Jesus : The Best Part of the Christian Life

2. Jesus Comforts Him

- Been There, He Can Relate Heb 2:14

3. Jesus Encourages Him

- Good Job! Regardless of What Happens
- More to Do..... Phil 3:13

### **Acts 23:12-17**

Ali-Baba and the 40 Jewish Assassins

- Protecting Paul- Pushing Him to Rome
- Paul's Nephew... at Right Place, Right Time

God's Sovereign, Supernatural-Natural Protection

- Unlikely People, Unlikely Places
- God's Super-Natural Tools

### **Acts 23:23-33**

The Plot is Revealed to the Roman Commander

- Paul Gets Royal Treatment & Protection
- Sent to Caesarea for Trial

Felix the Governor "Cruel But Connected"

- Arranges Paul's Preaching Schedule

### **Acts 23:1-33**

Final Thoughts

1. Discouragement is Part of the Christian Life
  - Jesus Can Relate & Comfort is Available
2. God's Supernatural Ways Often Look Natural
  - Though You Cant See Him.....He is there