

# SAVING UNCLE PAUL

## ACTS 23:12-35

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**BACKGROUND:** Paul's testifying in Jerusalem was over. He must now take the message of salvation to Rome, not missing all the opportunities to spread the gospel on the way there.

**BY HIS NEPHEW**—More than forty men were no match for a child who exposed their murderous plot to kill his Uncle Paul. Child-like faith once again triumphed over anti-grace legalists who thought they were pleasing God. (**Acts 23:12-22, fn 23:16, fn 23:16-22, Matthew 18:1-14, fn 18:1-4, fn 18:10, Matthew 21:12-16, Psalms 8:1, 2, fn 8:2, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1<sup>st</sup>]**) *How could you encourage your children to allow God to use them?*

**BY WITNESS PROTECTION**—God's witness traveled in style. Four hundred and seventy men, including the cavalry with Paul on mount, were an impressive demonstration of God's seriousness in telling Paul's testimony. God goes to great lengths to put us in circumstances that allow us to share our testimony. (**Acts 23:23-33, fn 23:23, 24, Ephesians 3:1, fn 3:1, Acts 1:8, fn 1:8[2<sup>nd</sup>], Acts 22:30, fn 22:30, I Peter 3:15, fn 3:15, I Thessalonians 5:18, fn 5:18**) *What unusual circumstances has God put you in for you to share what He has done in your life?*

**BY ROMAN OFFICIALS**—Claudius Lysias was a class act. He recognized Paul's innocence and was instrumental in protecting God's witness. Paul's life was spared by the city clerk, the army commander, the governor, the king, and the centurion. (**Acts 23:34, 35, Acts 28:30, 31, fn 28:30, 31[1<sup>st</sup>], Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:35-39, Psalms 17:6-9, fn 17:8, Psalms 23:1-6, fn 23:5, 6, Acts 23:11**) *How could you, like Paul, take courage in the situation in which you find yourself?*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*

