

**“Acts – Enlarging the Kingdom (15-3): Paul’s Defense –
from Jerusalem to Caesarea” (Acts 22:23-23:35)**

“Presumed Innocent until Proven Guilty?”

Today: Paul’s Trials, his Defense before Hostile Accusers

I. Paul’s Personal Testimony before the Jews (Acts 22:1-29)

- A. Encounter with the Risen Christ**
- B. Conversion Changed his Life and Life’s Purpose**
- C. Paul’s Roman Citizenship (vv 23-29)**

God used the Power of the Empire to Protect His Servant

II. Paul’s Defense Before the Council (Acts 23:1-11)

- A. Paul’s Personal Appeal: A Clear Conscience (vv 1-2)**

**Conscience is the Inner “Judge” based on the Standards one Upholds
What is your Conscience Based upon?
Is it Reliable? Do you Live by your Conscience?**

- B. Ananias’ Reaction and Paul’s Response (vv 3-5)**

Jewish Law Presumes the Accused to be Innocent until Proven Guilty

- C. Paul’s Doctrinal Appeal: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (vv 6-10)**

**The Doctrine of the Resurrection: Key Theme throughout the book of Acts
(see: Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; and 24:21; 26:6–8; 28:20)**

Paul was Rescued by the Romans for the 2nd time!

- D. Paul and the Lord Jesus (vv 11)**

III. Paul and the Jewish Conspirators (Acts 23:12–35)

- A. Plotting of Jews to kill Paul**
- B. Conspiracy Revealed and Paul Escorted to Caesarea**

**Paul’s Secret of Assurance that God will Always Come Through...
Kingdom Agenda Before his own Comfort, and Trust in the Faithful God**

**Don’t Miss Out the Blessed Experiences of Walking with God *Closer*
and Knowing God *Deeper*; Be Willing to...**

“Deny your Self, Bear the Cross and Follow Jesus”!

Be Daring Like Paul!