

The Acts of the Holy Spirit

Acts 22:22-23:15

What in Paul's Jerusalem speech draws the crowd out, and how do they react to that bit of the speech? What turn of events nearly gets Paul flogged once more, and what move on Paul's part keeps that from happening? What showdown results from Paul's strategic revelation?

In 22:28, how does your translation name this Roman officer? What does he initiate in 22:30? When Paul begins to speak his defense, what power dynamic rises up, and how do the details of this exchange illuminate relationships between Christians and varieties of power? When Paul corrects himself, what Scripture does he cite in that self-correction?

What strategic move does Paul make in 23:6? What effect does it have on the proceedings? Again, what does Acts seem to be saying about relationships between Christians and powerful people? In 23:11, another brief transition passage, what location once again surfaces in Acts?

What turn of events in 23:12 flies in the face of 23:11? What does this manner of storytelling say about the world, about the Spirit, and about those who oppose the Spirit?