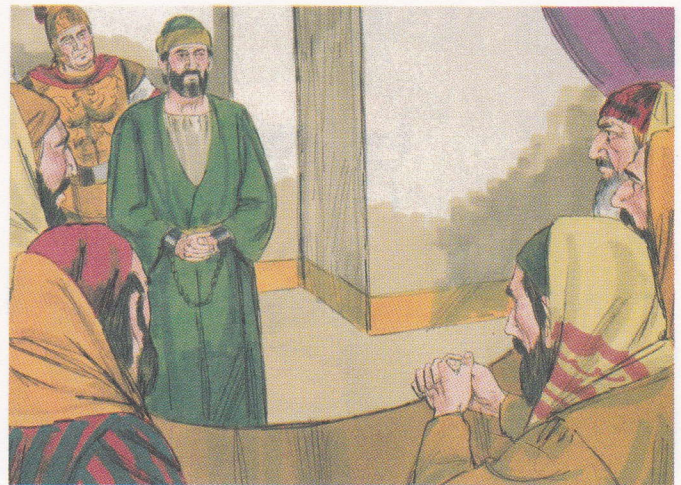


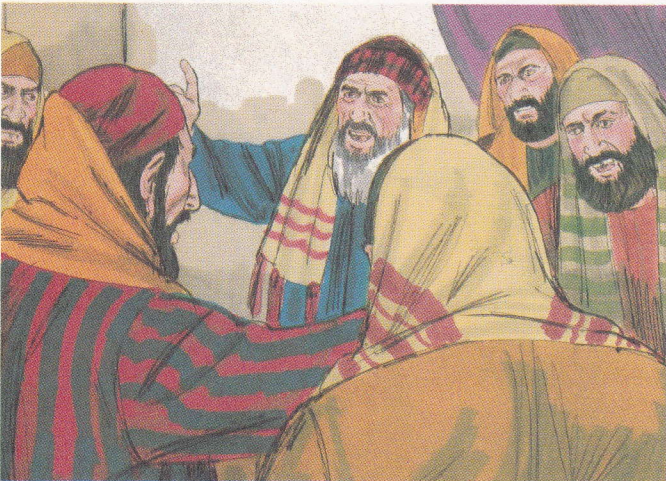
# A Plot to Murder Paul



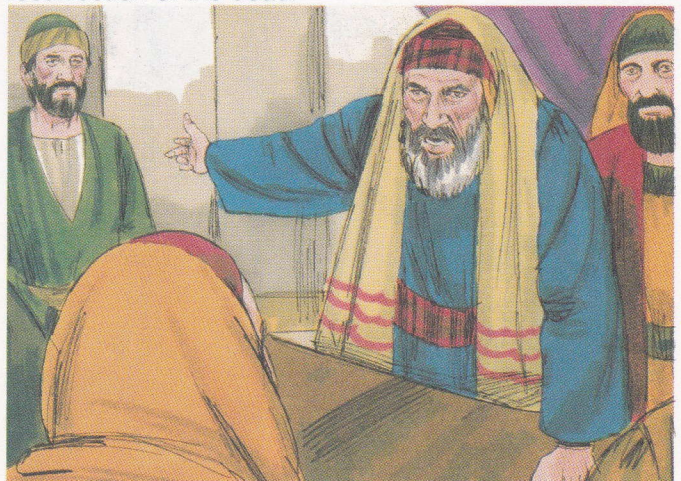
**1** The Roman commander had arrested Paul because of a riot in the temple. He kept Paul under arrest that night. The next morning he brought Paul before the Jewish Sanhedrin.



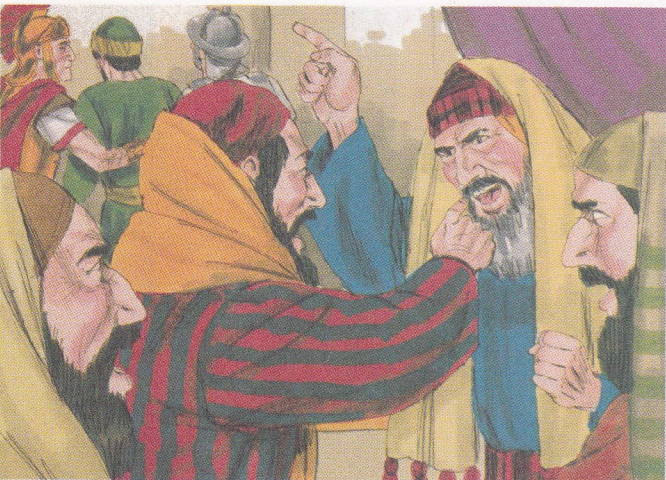
**2** Paul knew that some of the Sanhedrin were Pharisees and some were Sadducees. So he said, "Brothers, I am on trial here because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead."



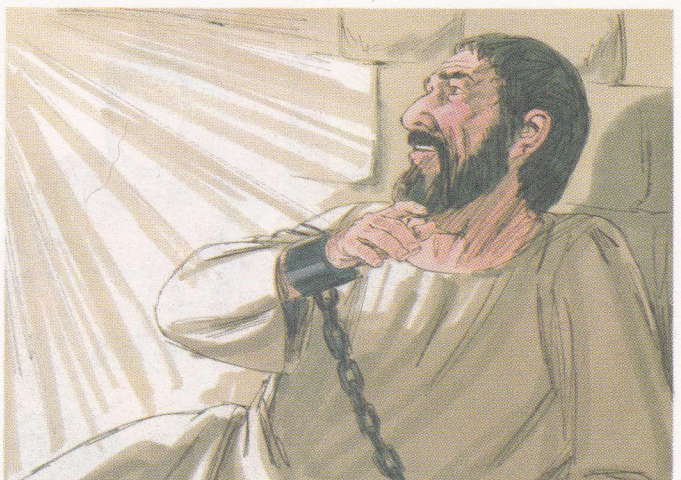
**3** This caused an argument between the Pharisees and Sadducees, because the Pharisees believed in the resurrection but the Sadducees did not.



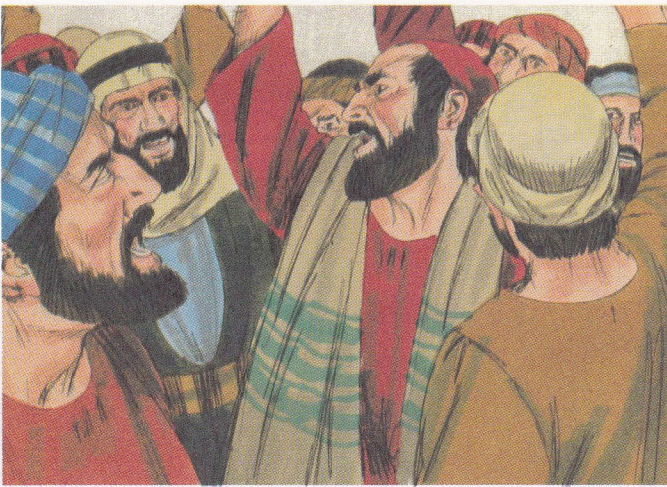
**4** Some of the Pharisees stood up and said, "We do not think this man has done anything wrong. What if a spirit or angel has spoken to him?"



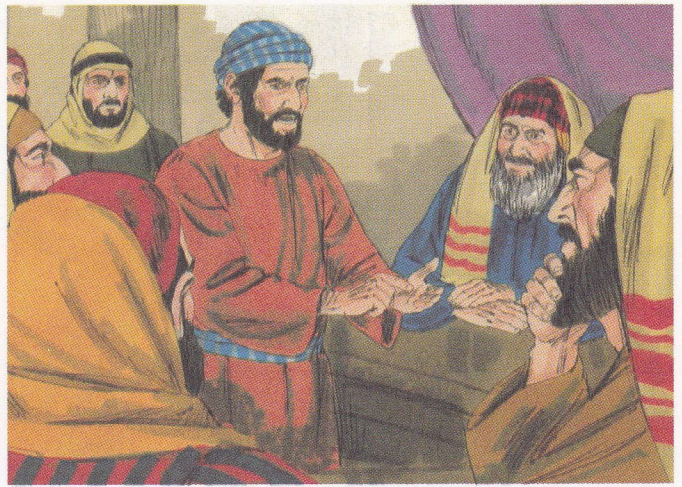
**5** The argument became so violent that the commander feared Paul would be hurt. He ordered his soldiers to take Paul back to the Roman barracks.



**6** The next night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Have courage! You must testify about me in Rome just as you have in Jerusalem."



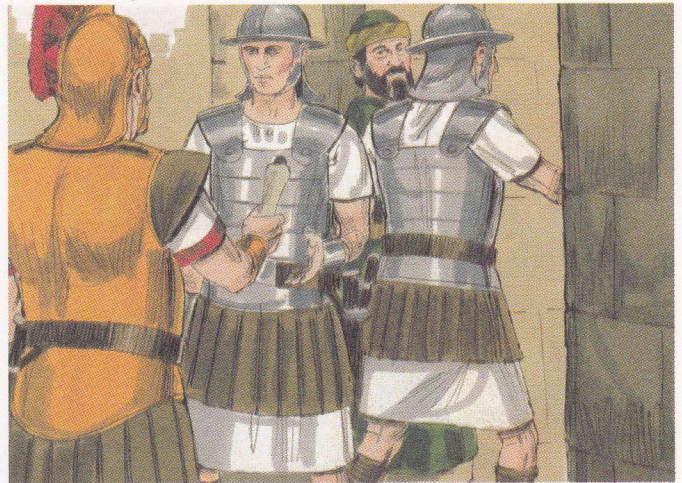
**7** The next morning some Jews swore an oath that they would not eat or drink again until they had killed Paul. More than forty men were involved in this plot.



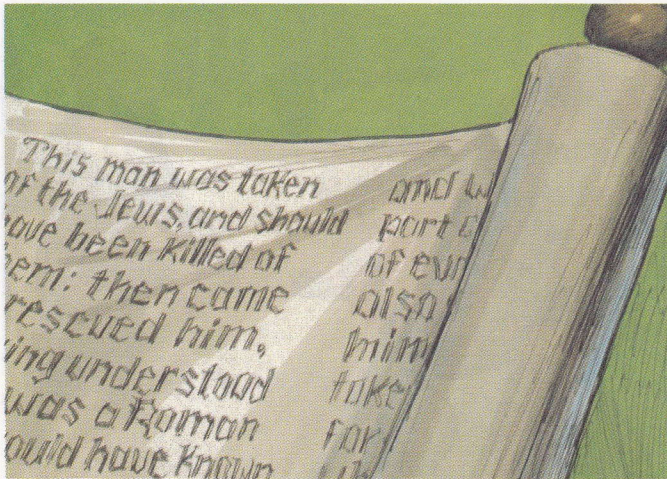
**8** These men went to the Sanhedrin and asked them to have the Romans bring Paul before the Sanhedrin. They said, "We will set up an ambush and kill Paul before he gets here."



**9** But the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot and told the commander of the Roman troops.



**10** The Roman commander ordered his soldiers to take Paul to Governor Felix in Caesarea that very night. The commander also wrote a letter to Felix and sent it along.



**11** In it he said: "The Jews accuse Paul of crimes, but there is no charge that deserves punishment. However, because of a plot against Paul, I have sent him to you."



**12** The soldiers delivered Paul safely to Governor Felix. When Felix read the letter, he said to Paul, "I will hear your case when your accusers arrive." He kept Paul under guard.