

# Acts 21:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

## Analysis

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The mob's violence was so intense that soldiers had to carry Paul up the stairs to the fortress, protecting him from being torn apart. The Greek 'bastazō' (carried) suggests he was lifted bodily by soldiers forming a protective shield. This dramatic scene demonstrated both the depth of religious hatred and God's preservation through Roman military intervention.

## Historical Context

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The stairs connected the temple court to the Fortress of Antonia. This location became the stage for Paul's defense speech in Acts 22, using the elevated position to address the crowd below.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. Have you experienced situations where God's protection came through authorities or systems you might not expect?

2. What does Paul's calm response to life-threatening violence teach about trusting God in crisis?

## Interlinear Text

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ὅτε	δὲ	ἐγένετο	ἐπὶ	τοὺς	ἀναβαθμούς	συνέβη
<b>when</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>he came</b>	<b>upon</b>	G3588	<b>the stairs</b>	<b>so it was</b>
G3753	G1161	G1096	G1909		G304	G4819
βαστάζεσθαι	αὐτὸν	ὑπὸ	τῶν	στρατιωτῶν	διὰ	τὴν
<b>that he was borne</b>	G846	<b>of</b>	G3588	<b>the soldiers</b>	<b>for</b>	G3588
G941		G5259		G4757	G1223	
βίαν	τοῦ	ὄχλου				
<b>the violence</b>	G3588	<b>of the people</b>				
G970		G3793				

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