

# Acts 23:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

## Analysis

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The violence grew so intense that the chief captain feared Paul would be 'pulled in pieces' by the disputing parties. Roman military intervention again preserved Paul's life, demonstrating how God uses secular authority to protect His servants. The Greek 'diaspao' (torn asunder) suggests Paul faced literal dismemberment from the frenzied religious leaders.

## Historical Context

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The Fortress Antonia's proximity to the temple courts allowed rapid Roman response to disturbances. The commander's repeated interventions showed Roman concern for maintaining order during volatile festival periods.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How has God used unexpected sources to protect you from danger, even when danger came from religious people?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God's sovereignty extends even over hostile authorities and circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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Πολλῆς	δὲ	γενομένης	στάσεως	εὐλαβηθεὶς	ὁ		
a great	And	when there arose	dissension	fearing	G3588		
G4183	G1161	G1096	G4714	G2125			
χιλίαρχος	μὴ	διασπασθῇ	ὁ	Παῦλος	ὑπ'		
the chief captain	lest	should have been pulled in pieces	G3588	Paul	of		
G5506	G3361	G1288		G3972	G5259		
αὐτῶν	ἐκέλευσεν	τὸ	στράτευμα	καταβὰν	ἀρπάσαι		
him	commanded	G3588	the soldiers	to go down	and to take		
G846	G2753		G4753	G2597	G726		
αὐτῶν	ἐκ	μέσου	αὐτῶν	ἄγειν	τε	εἰς	τὴν
him	from	among	him	to bring	and	him into	G3588
G846	G1537	G3319	G846	G71	G5037	G1519	
παρεμβολήν							
the castle							
G3925							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 22:24** (Parallel theme): The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

**James 1:19** (Parallel theme): Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

