

# Acts 23:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

## Analysis

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The chief captain's personal attention - taking the young man 'by the hand' and asking privately - shows respect and prudence. His willingness to hear information from a young Jewish man demonstrates Roman professional competence in gathering intelligence. This private inquiry protected both the informant and the investigation, showing wisdom in handling sensitive information.

## Historical Context

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Roman military officers were trained in intelligence gathering and maintaining civil order. The commander's careful handling of this information reflects Roman administrative competence that helped maintain empire-wide stability.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you handle sensitive information with discretion while taking appropriate action?
2. What does this teach about God's use of professional competence in secular authorities to accomplish His purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐπιλαβόμενος	δὲ	τῆς	χειρὸς	αὐτοῦ	ὁ	χιλίαςρχος
<b>took</b> G1949	<b>Then</b> G1161	G3588	<b>by the hand</b> G5495	<b>him</b> G846	G3588	<b>the chief captain</b> G5506
καὶ	ἀναχωρήσας	κατ'	ιδίαν	ἐπυνθάνετο	τί	ἐστίν
<b>and</b> G2532	<b>went with him aside</b> G402	<b>privately</b> G2596	G2398	<b>and asked</b> G4441	<b>him What</b> G5101	<b>is</b> G2076
ὃ	ἔχεις	ἀπαγγεῖλαί	μοι			
G3739	<b>that thou hast</b> G2192	<b>to tell</b> G518	<b>me</b> G3427			

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