

Acts 23:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he wrote a letter after this manner:

Analysis

And he wrote a letter after this manner (Greek *grapsas epistolen*, γράψας ἐπιστολὴν) introduces Claudius Lysias' official correspondence to Felix. Luke's inclusion of this letter (vv. 26-30) provides rare documentary evidence within Acts' narrative. Roman military reports followed standardized formats—sender, recipient, greeting, body, closing. This administrative detail demonstrates Luke's historical precision and provides legal documentation of Paul's innocence from Roman perspective. The letter becomes part of Paul's judicial record supporting his appeals.

Historical Context

Roman officials communicated through formal letters (*litterae*) that accompanied prisoners transferred between jurisdictions. Such documents established legal continuity and protected officials from liability for improper procedures.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does careful documentation and due process reflect God's character of justice?
2. Why might Luke include such administrative details in his theological narrative?

Interlinear Text

γράψας	ἐπιστολὴν	περιέχουσαν	τὸν	τύπον	τοῦτον·
And he wrote	a letter			manner	this
G1125	G1992		G4023	G5179	G5126

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