

# Acts 23:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he wrote a letter after this manner:

## Analysis

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**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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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

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γράψας	ἐπιστολὴν	περιέχουσιν	τὸν	τύπον	τοῦτον·
<b>And he wrote</b>	<b>a letter</b>	<b>after</b>	G3588	<b>manner</b>	<b>this</b>
G1125	G1992	G4023		G5179	G5126

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