

Acts 23:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

Analysis

The soldiers' rapid nighttime march - reaching Antipatris (about 40 miles) by morning - demonstrates Roman military efficiency and the urgency of protecting Paul. The Greek emphasizes they acted 'according to their orders,' showing disciplined obedience. God's providence used Roman military precision to spirit Paul away from danger during darkness.

Historical Context

Antipatris, rebuilt by Herod the Great, served as a military way-station between Jerusalem and Caesarea. Reaching it by dawn required departing Jerusalem around 9 PM and maintaining steady march pace.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God used other people's professional competence and discipline to accomplish His purposes in your life?

2. What does this teach about God's sovereignty over timing and logistics in protecting His servants?

Interlinear Text

Οἱ	μὲν	οὖν	στρατιῶται	κατὰ	τὸ	διατεταγμένον	αὐτοῖς
G3588	G3303	Then	the soldiers	as	G3588	it was commanded	them
		G3767	G4757	G2596		G1299	G846
ἀναλαμβάνοντες	τὸν	Παῦλον	ἤγαγον	διὰ	τῆς	νυκτὸς	εἰς
took		Paul	and brought	him by		night	to
G353	G3588	G3972	G71	G1223	G3588	G3571	G1519
τὴν	Ἀντιπατρίδα						
G3588	Antipatris						
	G494						

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