

# 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

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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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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Οἱ μὲν οὖν στρατιῶται κατὰ τὸ διατεταγμένον αὐτοῖς  
G3588 G3303 **Then** **the soldiers** **as** G3588 **it was commanded** **them**  
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ἀναλαβόντες τὸν Παῦλον ἦγαγον διὰ τὴς νυκτὸς εἰς  
took G3588 **Paul** and brought **him by** G3588 **night** **to**  
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τὴν Ἀντιπατρίδα  
G3588 **Antipatris**  
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