

# Acts 23:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

## Analysis

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**On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him**—the 200 infantry and 200 spearmen returned to Jerusalem while 70 cavalry continued to Caesarea. This tactical shift reflects Roman military doctrine: the greatest ambush danger lay near Jerusalem in Judean hills; once reaching the coastal plain, mounted troops sufficed. The phrase **returned to the castle** (parembolēn, παρεμβολὴν, garrison) refers to the Antonia Fortress. This military detail demonstrates Luke's precise knowledge of Roman procedures and the seriousness with which Lysias took the assassination threat.

## Historical Context

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The route from Jerusalem to Caesarea descended from 2,500 feet elevation through dangerous terrain before reaching the coastal highway. Roman military escorts adjusted force composition based on threat assessment—standard operating procedure for prisoner transfers.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this military precision reveal God's protecting hand over Paul's ministry?
2. What does the authorities' extraordinary security measures reveal about the intensity of opposition to the gospel?

## Interlinear Text

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τῇ	δὲ	ἐπαύριον	ἐάσαντες	τοὺς	ἱππεῖς	πορεύεσθαι
G3588	G1161	On the morrow	they left	G3588	the horsemen	to go
		G1887	G1439		G2460	G4198
σὺν	αὐτῷ	ὑπέστρεψαν	εἰς	τὴν	παρεμβολήν·	
with	him	and returned	to	G3588	the castle	
G4862	G846	G5290	G1519		G3925	