

Acts 23:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

Analysis

The formal delivery of both Paul and the letter to Felix follows proper Roman administrative procedure. The governor's receipt of Paul established him under Roman legal protection, removing him from Jewish jurisdiction. This transfer represented a crucial shift in Paul's situation - from religious to civil authority, from mob violence to legal process.

Historical Context

Felix's governorship (AD 52-60) was marked by corruption and brutal suppression of Jewish unrest. However, his commitment to Roman legal procedures would work in Paul's favor despite his character flaws.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How do you trust God's providence when authority shifts from one system to another?

2. What does this teach about how God uses even corrupt officials when they follow just procedures?

Interlinear Text

οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς τὴν Καισάρειαν καὶ ἀναδόντες
Who **when they came** **to** **G3588** **Caesarea** **also** **delivered**
G3748 G1525 G1519 G2542 G2532 G325

τὴν ἐπιστολὴν τῷ ἡγεμόνι παρέστησαν καὶ τὸν
G3588 **the epistle** **G3588** **to the governor** **presented** **also** **G3588**
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Παῦλον αὐτῷ
Paul **before him**
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