

# Acts 23:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

## Analysis

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Paul's strategic declaration - 'I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question' - brilliantly divided the council. This wasn't deception but highlighting how the real issue centered on resurrection, Christianity's core claim. By identifying with Pharisees against Sadducees, Paul created allies and exposed that opposition to Christianity was rooted in denying God's power to raise the dead.

## Historical Context

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Pharisees believed in resurrection, angels, and spirits; Sadducees denied all three (verse 8). The Sanhedrin was divided between these parties, representing different approaches to Jewish faith and Roman collaboration.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How can you wisely identify common ground with some opponents to advance gospel truth?
2. What does this teach about recognizing that core theological issues, like resurrection, underlie many disputes?

## Interlinear Text

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Γνοὺς δὲ ὁ Παῦλος ὅτι τὸ ἐν μέρος ἔστιν  
perceived But when Paul that the one part were  
G1097 G1161 G3588 G3972 G3754 G3588 G1520 G3313 G2076

Σαδδουκαίων τὸ δὲ ἔτερον Φαρισαίου· ἔκραξεν ἐν  
Sadducees But the other Pharisees he cried out in  
G4523 G3588 G1161 G2087 G5330 G2896 G1722

τῷ συνεδρίᾳ ἄνδρες ἀδελφοί ἐγὼ Φαρισαίου· εἰμι  
the council Men and brethren I Pharisees am  
G3588 G4892 G435 G80 G1473 G5330 G1510

νιὸς Φαρισαίου· περὶ ἐλπίδος καὶ ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν  
the son Pharisees of the hope and resurrection of the dead  
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ἐγὼ κρίνομαι  
I am called in question  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 24:15** (Resurrection): And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

**Acts 24:21** (Resurrection): Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

**Philippians 3:5** (Resurrection): Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

**Acts 28:20** (Hope): For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

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