

Acts 23:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

Analysis

The 'great dissension' that arose demonstrates how fundamental theology divides more than peripheral issues. The resurrection question wasn't academic but touched the heart of God's redemptive plan. Paul's statement created chaos not through manipulation but by highlighting the central issue - whether God raises the dead and thus whether Jesus's resurrection validated His messianic claims.

Historical Context

This division reflected long-standing theological tensions within Judaism. The same Sanhedrin that united against Jesus now fragmented when forced to address the resurrection's implications.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What central theological convictions are worth standing firm on even when they create conflict?

2. How does the resurrection's reality affect every other aspect of Christian faith and practice?

Interlinear Text

τοῦτο δὲ αὐτοῦ λαλήσαντος, ἐγένετο στάσις τῶν
so **And** G846 **said** **there arose** **a dissension** G3588
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Φαρισαίων καὶ τῶν Σαδδουκαίων καὶ ἐσχίσθη τὸ
between the Pharisees **and** G3588 **the Sadducees** **and** **was divided** G3588
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πλῆθος
the multitude
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:4 (Parallel theme): But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

Psalms 55:9 (Parallel theme): Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

Matthew 10:34 (Parallel theme): Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.