

# מעשי השליחים Ma'asei HaShlichim

[ACTS OF THE APOSTLES]

***Acts 23:1–24:27***  
***"Paul Causes an Uproar"***

## Discussion Questions:

1. What did Paul mean by the declaration in Acts 23:1? How should it be understood in a Jewish context? Why didn't Paul recognize the high priest?
2. Why did Paul identify himself as a Pharisee? Did he commit perjury? What does this imply about Paul's level of Torah observance?
3. Summarize the differences between Pharisees and Sadducees. Why was it possible to be a Messianic Pharisee but not possible to be a Messianic Sadducee? How does the resurrection of the Master play into the debate between the two sects? Why did the Pharisees defend Paul?
4. Who were the forty men who formed a conspiracy to assassinate Paul? Why would the politically-minded Zealots want Paul dead? Who may have been behind the plot?
5. Discuss the kind of person Claudius Lysias must have been, given that he wasn't without honor or a respect for the rule of law. What can we learn from the irony of a civil-law-respecting Roman protecting the life of Paul from the supposed keepers of The Law?

