

Second Writings Ma`asei (Acts 23:21-24:23)

Acts 23:21-35

21 Therefore, do not let them persuade you, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you.

22 Then the commander dismissed the young man, having commanded him, "Inform no one that you reported this to me."

23 And having called near a certain two captains, he said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready to go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, after the third hour of the night,

24 and provide beasts, on which to place Sha'ul, and bring him safely to Felix the governor,"

25 having written a letter in this form:

26 Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.

27 This man, having been seized by the Yehudim, and being about to be killed by them, I rescued, having come with the body of soldiers, having learned that he was a Roman.

28 And, desiring to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council.

29 I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their Torah, but there was no charge against him deserving death or chains.

30 And when I was informed that there was to be a plot against the man by the Yehudim, I sent him immediately to you, having also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him. Be strong!

31 So the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Sha'ul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 And on the next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks,

33 who, having come to Caesarea, and delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Sha'ul to him.

34 And the governor, having read it, and having asked of what province he was, and being informed that he was from Kilikia,

35 said, "I shall hear you when your accusers arrive also." And he commanded him to be kept in Herodes' palace.

Acts 24:1-23

1 And after five days the high priest Hananyah came down, with the elders, and a certain speaker - Tertullus. And they brought charges against Sha'ul before the governor.

2 And when he was called upon, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "Having obtained great peace through you, and reforms being brought to this nation by your forethought,
3 we accept it always and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thanks.

4 "But in order not to hinder you any further, I beg you to hear us briefly in your gentleness.

5 For having found this man a plague, who stirs up dissension among all the Yehudim throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Natsarenes,"

6 who also tried to profane the Set-apart Place, and whom we seized, and wished to judge him according to our law,

7 but the commander Lysias came along and with much violence took him out of our hands,

8 commanding his accusers to come to you. And by examining him yourself you shall be able to know all these matters of which we accuse him."

9 And the Yehudim also agreed, maintaining that these matters were so.

10 And when the governor had motioned him to speak, Sha'ul answered, "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge of this nation, I gladly defend myself,

11 seeing you are able to know that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to Yerushalayim to worship.

12 "And they neither found me in the Set-apart Place disputing with anyone nor stirring up the crowd, either in the congregations or in the city.

13 "Nor are they able to prove the charges of which they now accuse me.

14 "And this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the Elohim of my fathers, believing all that has been written in the Torah and in the Prophets,

15 having an expectation in Elohim, which they themselves also wait for, that there is to be a resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the unrighteous.

16 "And in this I exercise myself to have a clear conscience toward Elohim and men always.

17 "And after many years I came to bring kind deeds to my nation and offerings,

18 at which time certain Yehudim from Asia found me cleansed in the Set-apart Place, neither with a crowd nor with disturbance,

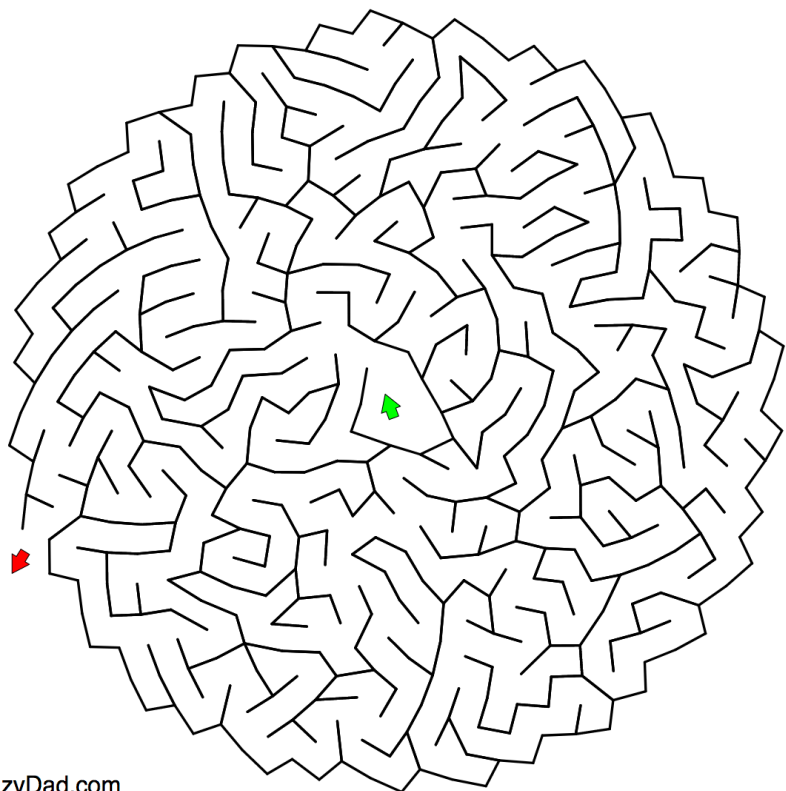
19 "who ought to be present before you to bring charges if they have any matter against me.

20 "Or else let these themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,

21 other than for this one declaration which I cried out, standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today.' "

22 And having heard this, having known more exactly about the Way, Felix put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I shall decide your case."

23 And he ordered the captain to keep Sha'ul and to have ease, and not to forbid any of his friends to attend to him.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their _____, but there was no charge against him _____ death or chains.
- 2) And having called near a certain two captains, he said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready to go to _____, and _____ horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, after the third hour of the night.
- 3) Therefore, do not let them _____ you, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have _____ themselves by an oath neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him.
- 4) And the _____, having read it, and having asked of what province he was, and being informed that he was from _____.
- 5) And this I confess to you, that according to the _____ which they call a sect, so I worship the Elohim of my fathers, believing all that has been written in the Torah and in the _____.
- 6) And after _____ days the high priest _____ came down, with the elders, and a certain speaker - Tertullus.
- 7) And when the _____ had motioned him to speak, Sha'ul answered, "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge of this nation, I gladly _____ myself.
- 8) And in this I exercise myself to have a clear _____ toward _____ and men always.
- 9) And he ordered the _____ to keep Sha'ul and to have ease, and not to _____ any of his friends to attend to him.
- 10) For having found this man a _____, who stirs up dissension among all the Yehudim throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the _____.

True Or False

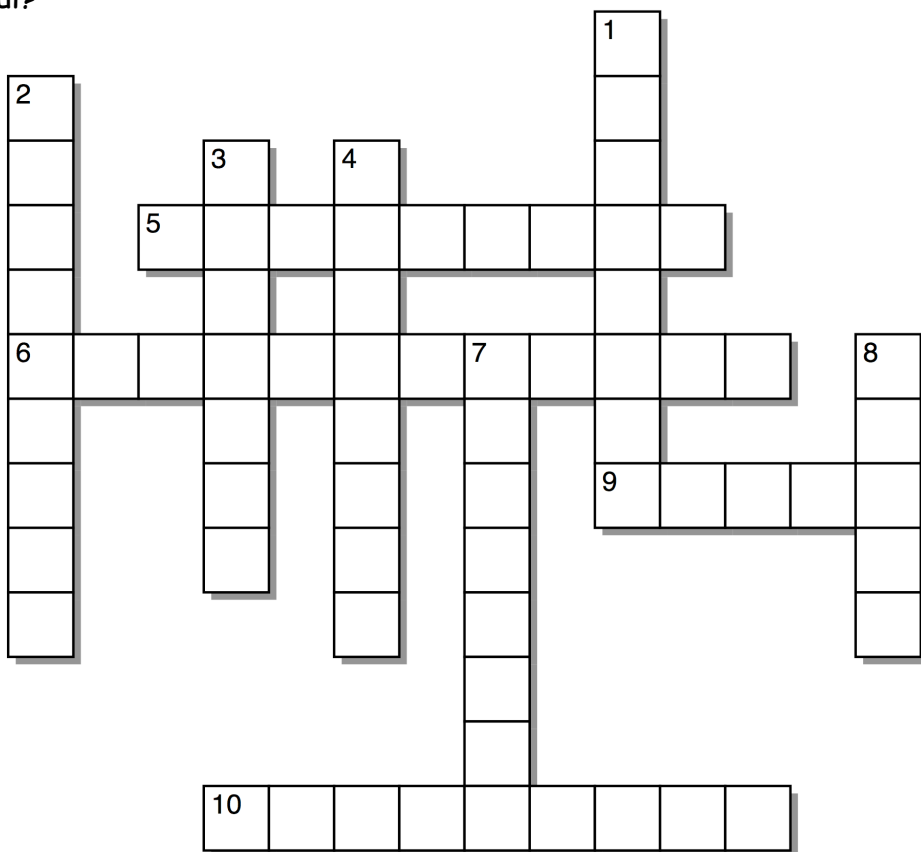
- 1) After four days the high priest Hananyah came down, with the elders, to bring charges against Sha'ul. True/False
- 2) Sha'ul believed all that has been written in the Torah and in the Prophets. True/False

Across

- 5. Who was the speaker that accused Sha'ul?
- 6. Concerning the _____ of the dead I am being judged by you today.
- 9. A ringleader of the sect of the Natsarenes.
- 10. When Lysias the _____ comes down, I shall decide your case.

Down

- 1. _____ Lysias wrote a letter to the Governor.
- 2. After many years I came to bring kind deeds to my nation and _____.
- 3. These men plotted to take Sha'ul's life.
- 4. They neither found me in the Set-apart Place disputing with anyone nor _____ up the crowd.
- 7. Where Sha'ul was taken to meet the Governor?
- 8. The Governor.



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