

The captain said "It cost me a lot of money to acquire Roman citizenship".

Paul replied "I was born a Roman citizen".

Paul was untied without being flogged.

Jesus, help people who are being tortured today

Chapter 22.30 - 23. 11

To find out why the Jews were attacking Paul, the captain arranged a meeting of the religious leaders, and allowed Paul to speak to them

Paul realized that the leaders had two groups: Sadducees (who didn't believe in angels or an after-life) and Pharisees (who did believe in angels and an after-life)

So Paul called out "I am a Pharisee. It is for our hope in the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial". This caused the Pharisees and Sadducees to begin a violent argument that put Paul's life in danger.

The captain ordered Paul to be taken back into the barracks. The next night, the Lord appeared to him and said

"Courage! You have born witness for me in Jerusalem. Now you must do the same in Rome".

Jesus, please give courage to Christians who live in dangerous places