



## Kid Power

The Book of Acts  
Midweek Sermon  
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*Acts 23:12-15 (NLT)*

*12 The next morning a group of Jews got together and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. 13 There were more than forty of them in the conspiracy. 14 They went to the leading priests and elders and told them, "We have bound ourselves with an oath to eat nothing until we have killed Paul. 15 So you and the high council should ask the commander to bring Paul back to the council again. Pretend you want to examine his case more fully. We will kill him on the way."*

THE MOST DANGEROUS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD  
ARE THOSE WHO MURDER IN THE NAME OF THEIR RELIGION.

### Two Thoughts:

**First**, there will be blood! The Jewish religious leaders were bloodthirsty for Paul's head on a platter.  
**Second**, we see the efforts to which the Roman government would go in order to uphold impartial justice.

### How Might We Apply This Section of Scripture to Our Own Lives?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION**

The growing number of anti-Christian hate groups.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION**

Business can be cut-throat. People are out to murder not you, but your career.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION**

Our enemy is Satan, whom the Bible describes as "a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). We are all on Satan's hit list.

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### **The Day a Kid Saved the World**

*Acts 23:16-22 (NLT)*

16 But Paul's nephew—his sister's son—heard of their plan and went to the fortress and told Paul. 17 Paul called for one of the Roman officers and said, "Take this young man to the commander. He has something important to tell him." 18 So the officer did, explaining, "Paul, the prisoner, called me over and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you." 19 The commander took his hand, led him aside, and asked, "What is it you want to tell me?" 20 Paul's nephew told him, "Some Jews are going to ask you to bring Paul before the high council tomorrow, pretending they want to get some more information. 21 But don't do it! There are more than forty men hiding along the way ready to ambush him. They have vowed not to eat or drink anything until they have killed him. They are ready now, just waiting for your consent." 22 "Don't let anyone know you told me this," the commander warned the young man.

#### **A KID SAVES THE WORLD!!**

Paul had a nephew, the son of his sister, who was living in Jerusalem.

*Isaiah 11:6 (NKJV)*

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

*Judges 16:26 (NKJV)*

26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them."

*Zechariah 4:10a (GW)*

Who despised the day when little things began to happen?

*Acts 23:23-35 (NLT)*

23 Then the commander called two of his officers and ordered, "Get 200 soldiers ready to leave for Caesarea at nine o'clock tonight. Also take 200 spearmen and 70 mounted troops. 24 Provide horses for Paul to ride, and get him safely to Governor Felix." 25 Then he wrote this letter to the governor: 26 "From Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings! 27 "This man was seized by some Jews, and they were about to kill him when I arrived with the troops. When I learned that he was a Roman citizen, I removed him to safety. 28 Then I took him to their high council to try to learn the basis of the accusations against him. 29 I soon discovered the charge was something regarding their religious law—certainly nothing worthy of imprisonment or death. 30 But when I was informed of a plot to kill him, I immediately sent him on to you. I have told his accusers to bring their charges before you." 31 So that night, as ordered, the soldiers took Paul as far as Antipatris. 32 They returned to the fortress the next morning, while the mounted troops took him on to Caesarea. 33

*When they arrived in Caesarea, they presented Paul and the letter to Governor Felix. 34 He read it and then asked Paul what province he was from. "Cilicia," Paul answered. 35 "I will hear your case myself when your accusers arrive," the governor told him. Then the governor ordered him kept in the prison at Herod's headquarters.*

ANSWERS:

1. POLITICAL
2. PROFESSIONAL
3. SPIRITUAL