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HOW GOD PROTECTED PAUL

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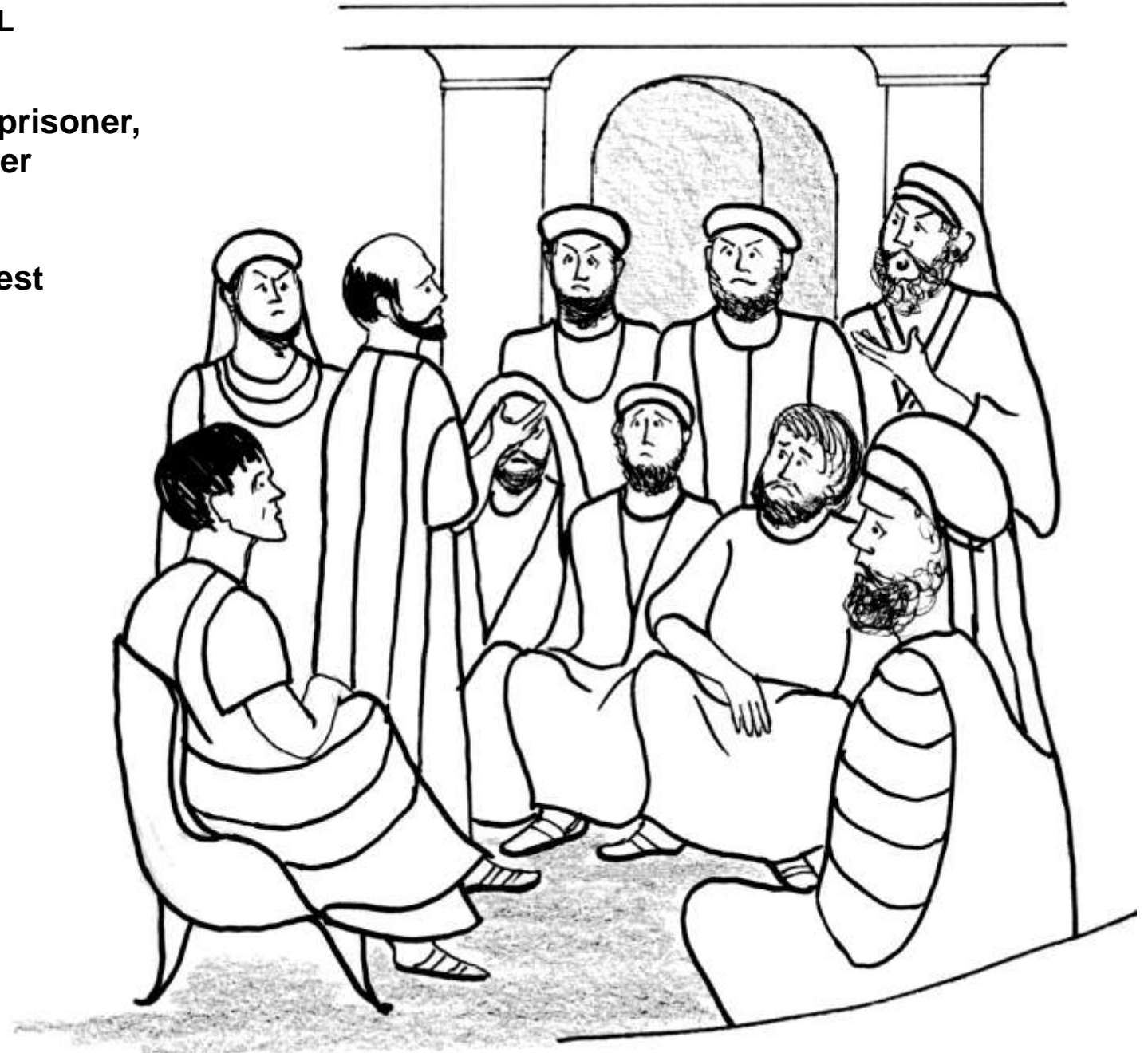
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ACTS 22:30 – 23:35
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Paul was being kept as a prisoner, but the Roman Commander did not know what he had done wrong. So he asked the Chief Priest and the leaders to come and tell him.

While they were meeting they asked for Paul to come in and to stand before them.

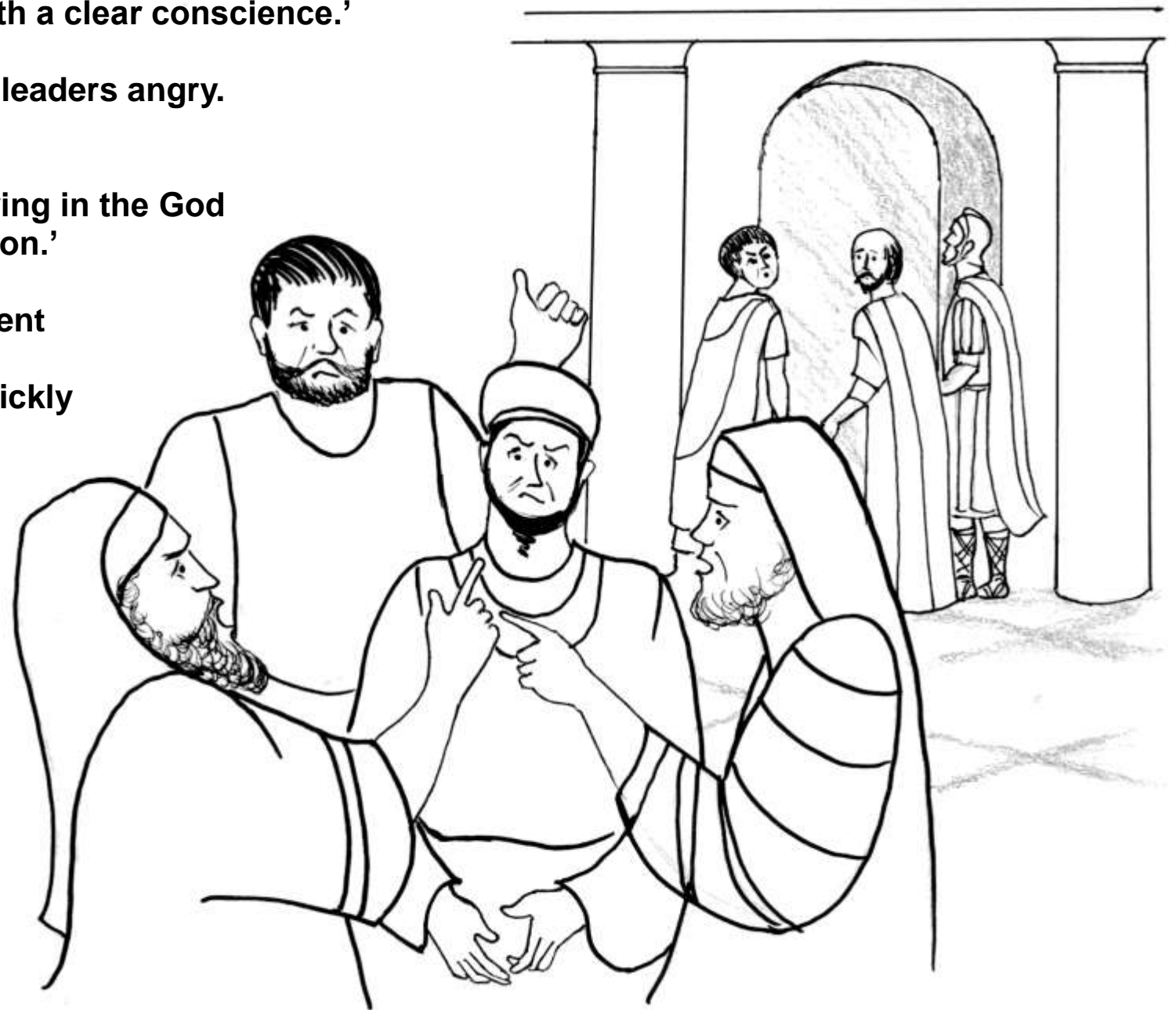


**Paul looked around and said to everyone,
'I stand before God with a clear conscience.'**

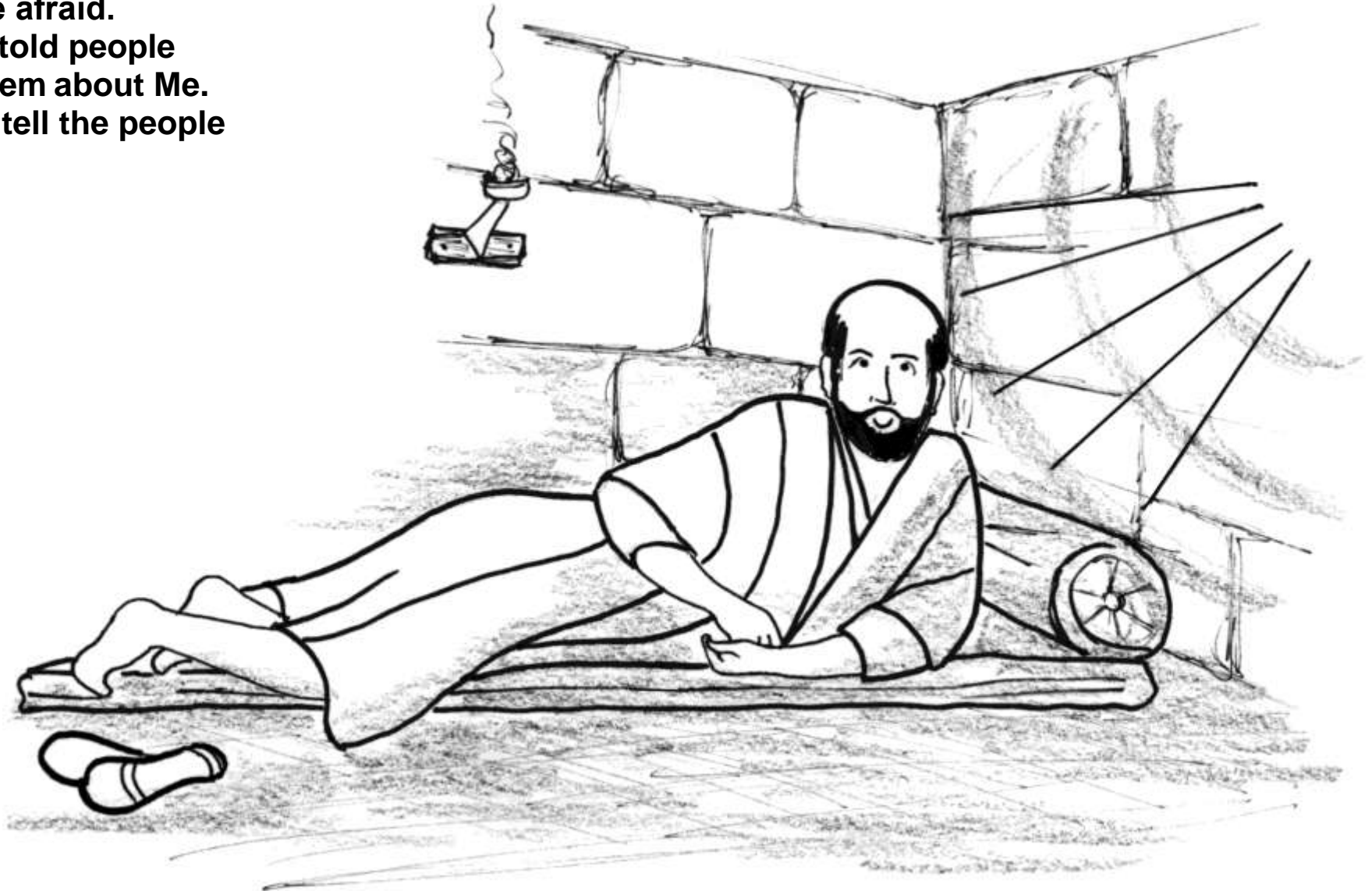
This made the Jewish leaders angry.

**Then Paul said,
'I am on trial for believing in the God
of hope and resurrection.'**

**This started an argument
amongst the leaders,
so the Commander quickly
took Paul away
to a safe place.**



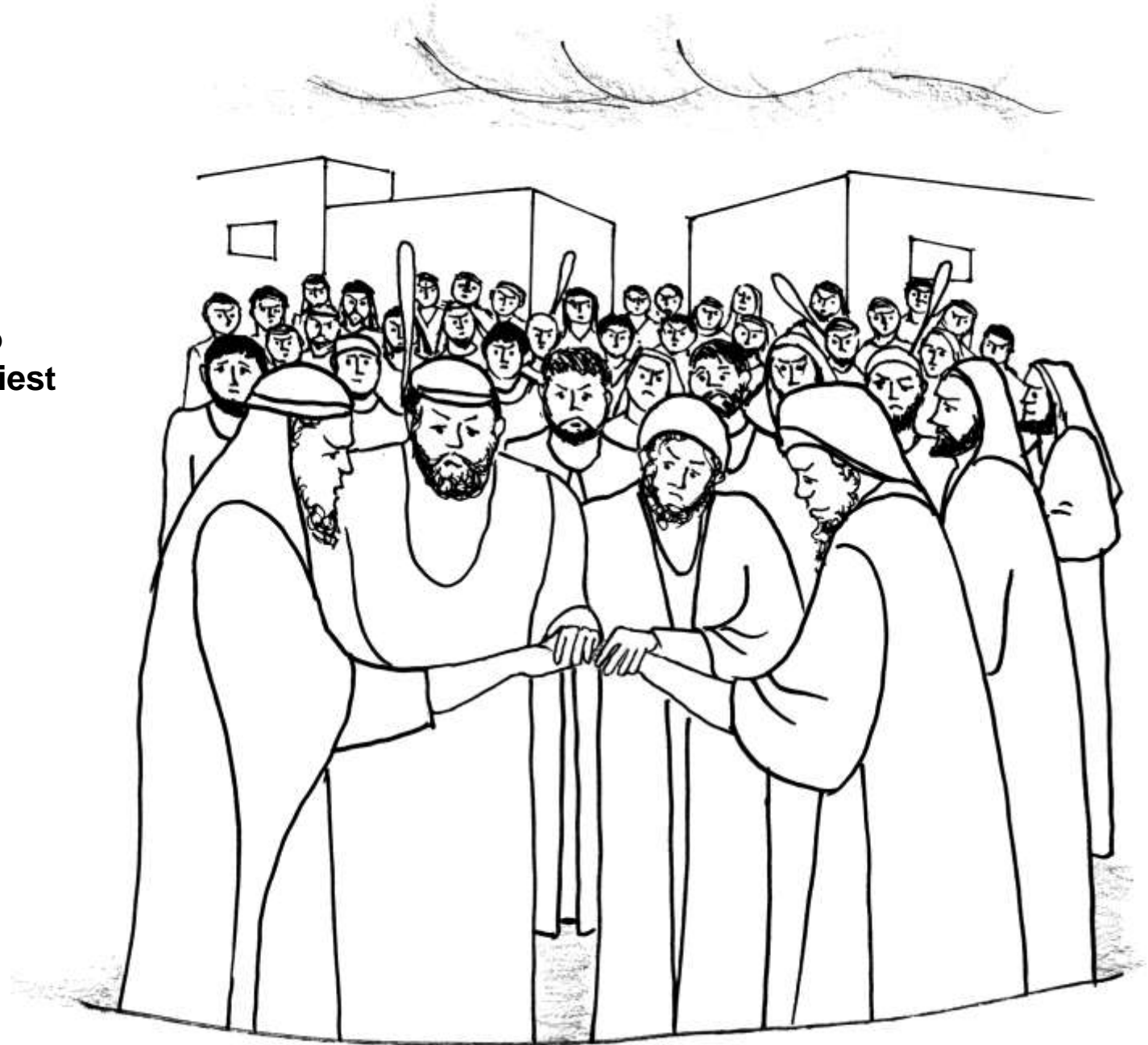
**That night the Lord
came to Paul and said,
'Do not be afraid.
You have told people
in Jerusalem about Me.
You must tell the people
in Rome.'**



**The Jews had no idea of
God's plan for Paul.
All they wanted to do
was to get rid of him.**

**In fact, forty of them
made a plan
to ask the Commander to
send Paul to the Chief Priest
for questioning.**

**But those forty Jews
were going to hide,
so that when Paul
was on his way
to the Chief Priest
they would kill him.**

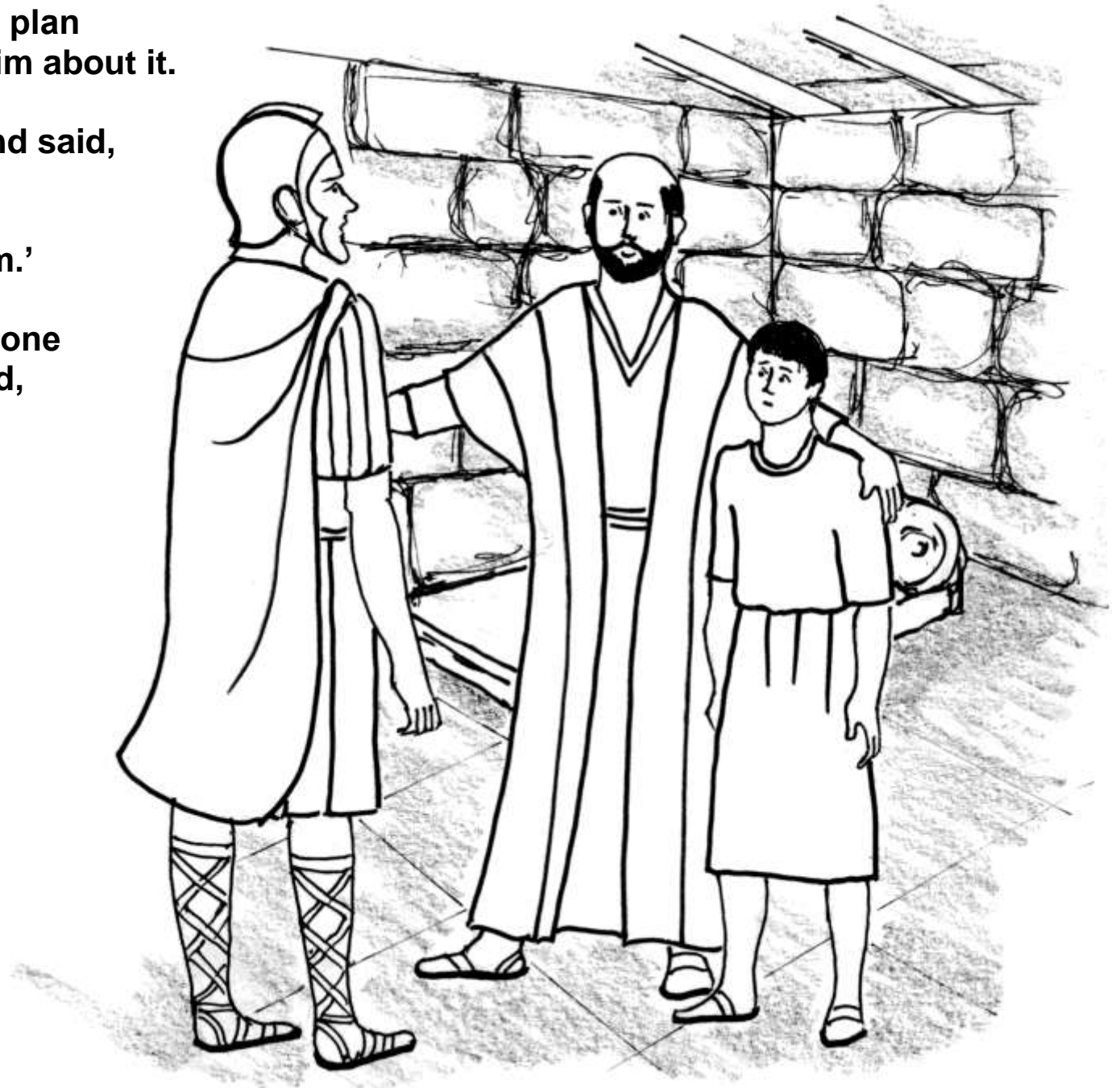


Paul's nephew heard of this plan and went to Paul and told him about it.

Paul called for the officer and said, 'Take this young man to the Commander. He has something to tell him.'

When Paul's nephew was alone with the Commander he said, 'Tomorrow the Jews are going to ask you to bring Paul to the Chief Priest for a meeting. Do not believe them. Forty men are hiding and have made a promise not to eat until they have killed Paul.'

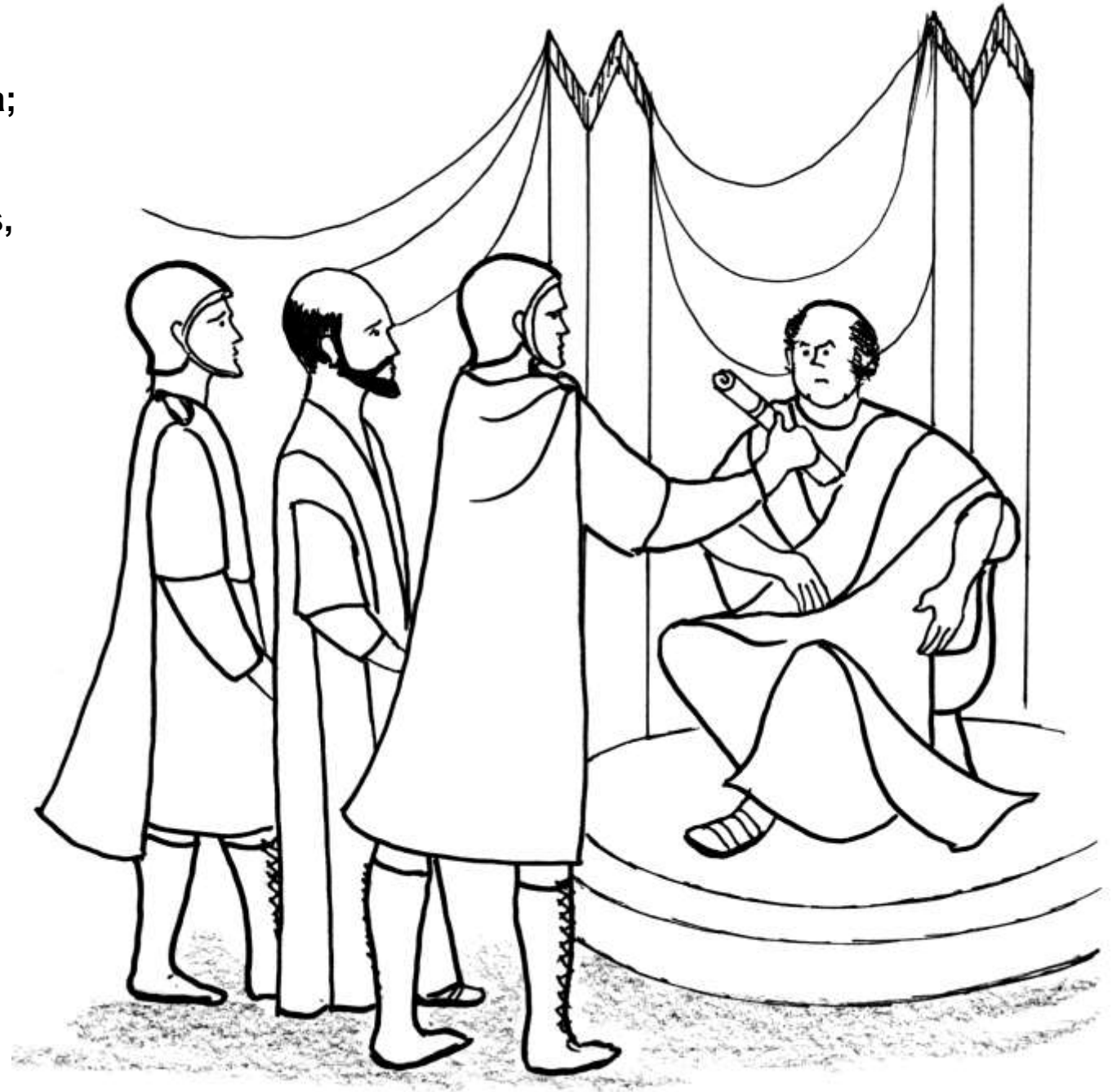
The commander said to Paul's nephew, 'Do not tell anyone.'



**He then called in his officers and said,
'I need men to go to Caesarea;
two hundred soldiers,
seventy horsemen,
two hundred men with spears,
and also some horses
for Paul to ride.
Be ready to go
at nine o'clock tonight.'**

**That night, the soldiers
rode to Antipatris with Paul.
The next day they
returned to Jerusalem
and the horsemen took Paul
on to Caesarea.**

**They handed him over
to Governor Felix
with a letter
from the Commander,
telling him why Paul
was sent to him.**



Governor Felix put Paul in prison and waited for the Jewish leaders to come.

**Paul was not worried.
He believed what
God had told him.
He would go to Rome
and tell people the
good news of Jesus Christ.**

**He believed that there were
many people in Rome
who would also believe God's word
and become part of His family.**

