

PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE FELIX

(Acts 24:1-27)

I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)

II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)

III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)

IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

A. Tertullus States the Jews' Case Against Paul (24:1-9)

1. The Jews' hatred for Paul is evident by their _____ trip to Caesarea, and by the fact that Ananias the _____ made the journey along with the elders and their hired _____ Tertullus to present their case. (v. 1)

2. Even though the governor was known for his _____ force against the Jews, the lawyer spent about as much time with heaping _____ on Felix as he did in presenting the _____ of the charges against Paul. (vv. 2-4, cf. Prov. 26:28)

3. Tertullus made three charges against the accused...
 - a. Paul was a troublemaker throughout the world, one who stirred up _____. (v. 5a)

 - b. Paul was the leader, the instigator of a separate _____ outside of mainstream Judaism identified as "*the sect of the Nazarenes*"; thus, it was _____ sanctioned by the _____. (v. 5b)

 - c. Paul _____ the Jewish temple, which was punishable by _____ by the Jews. (v. 6a)

4. The prosecuting attorney went on to explain that the Commander Lysias obstructed justice from taking place, when he _____ Paul from their hands and sent him to Caesarea (vv. 6b-8); the Jews _____ with Tertullus' embellished recap. (v. 9)

B. Paul Represents Himself in His Own Defense (24:10-21)

1. The apostle did not flatter Felix, he merely stated that he knew the governor had _____ of _____ with the Jews, and that he was glad to represent himself. (v. 10)

2. Answering the charges regarding the temple and inciting a riot; Paul stated that they were completely _____ accusations, and furthermore, they had _____ witnesses, nor a _____ of evidence. (vv. 11-13)

3. As to the charge regarding the cult of the Nazarenes, Paul explained that his beliefs _____ with the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures; this would have helped Felix to see that the real _____ between Paul and his accusers was _____ and not political. (vv. 14-16)

4. Paul also answered the “temple defilement” charge- that the Asian Jews who made this accusation were _____ to be _____ in the courtroom. (vv. 17-19)

5. Lastly, he asked the Jews who were among the Sanhedrin that when he stood in their midst and had brought up the subject of the resurrection what _____ had he _____? (vv. 20-21)

C. Felix Postpones and Procrastinates (24:22-27)

1. The governor actually had an _____ knowledge regarding “*the Way*” (the Church), but yet he _____ the hearing until Commander Lysias came to Caesarea; in the meantime, he gave Paul certain _____. (vv. 22-23)

2. Felix and his wife Drusilla summoned for Paul to give them a private Bible lesson; he spoke on “_____ *in Christ, righteousness, self-control, and the _____ to come.*” Felix was _____ but procrastinated on making the all-important decision. (vv. 24-26)

3. Even though Felix knew Paul was innocent, he _____ him in _____ for _____ years to please the Jews; the governor was replaced by Festus who was more just than his predecessor. (v. 27)

* Have you made the destiny-changing decision to trust Christ as your personal Savior?