

PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA Pt. 1

(Acts 25:23-26:18)

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- A. Paul's Hearing before Festus and the Jewish Leaders in Caesarea (25:1- 12)
- B. Governor Festus Consults with King Agrippa (Acts 25:13-22)
- C. Governor Festus Gives a Preliminary Speech to Those Assembled (Acts 25:23-27)

1. As the Roman governor in charge of the _____ at Caesarea, Festus _____ the proceedings before his distinguished guests, which were key _____ men and representatives of the Roman Empire. (v. 23)

2. Festus exaggerated when he stated "*the _____ assembly of the Jews*" clamored for Paul's execution; however, the governor declared to his audience that he found Paul _____ of _____. (vv. 24-25a)

3. In his flowery speech Festus explained that since Paul had _____ to Caesar, he needed to prepare a legal brief, detailing the _____; he was hoping that King Agrippa could _____ him with this matter. (vv. 25b-27)

D. Paul Gives Testimony before King Agrippa and the other Roman Dignitaries (Acts 26:1-23)

1. Technically speaking, this was _____ a legal defense by Paul; since he had already appealed to Caesar he was guaranteed that his next trial would be before Caesar. This speech was a _____ of the _____.

2. King Agrippa was in _____; he did not question Paul but instead told him to _____ (v. 1)

3. Paul opened with a sincere appreciation that Agrippa was hearing his case, because he knew the king was an _____ in _____ religious matters. (vv. 2-3)

4. Paul explained to Agrippa that his Jewish _____ and _____ was in the strictest sect of the Pharisees and this was known among his peers (vv. 4-5); like all devout Jews he hoped for a coming Messiah and for the _____. (vv. 6-8)

5. Besides being committed to Judaism, Paul had also been _____ in his opposition to Christianity (v. 9); he had authority to _____ Christians (v. 10), and he even tried to force them to blaspheme the _____ of Jesus (v. 11).

6. Paul further clarified that when he was on his way to Damascus to round up Christians (v. 12) he encountered the resurrected _____, who asked him, "*Saul, Saul, why are you _____? It is hard for you to kick against the goads*" (vv. 13-14)

7. Jesus had a plan for Paul's life (vv. 15-18)
 - a. Christ revealed His _____ (v. 15), promised to make Paul a _____ and a _____ to the truth and the fulfillment of the Messianic hopes from the OT (v. 16).

 - b. Jesus _____ Paul that He would _____ him from the hands of the hostile Jews and the Gentiles. (v. 17)

 - c. The Redeemer also promised that He would open the eyes of those in spiritual darkness, in order that they could receive _____ of sins and an eternal _____ in Him. (v. 18)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?