

# December 13/Day 347

## Acts 24

- Yesterday we left off with Paul being escorted to Herod's praetorium. The governor, Felix, would not try him until his accusers arrived.

### Verses 1-8

- How long did it take for Paul's accusers to arrive?
- Who came down and who did they bring with them?
- Did you notice the flattery he had for Felix?
- What was the case against Paul?
- What part is bracketed? (Added in later by a zealot. Not in earliest manuscripts).

### Verse 9

- Did the elders confirm this as their case against Paul?

### Verses 10-21

- How did Paul build on the attorney's flattery? (I personally believe Paul's words less flattery and more respect). Remember, this is a Roman governor who is not a believer.
- Did Paul defend himself?
- Who did Paul say should have appeared before him to accuse him?
- What did he say was the purpose of his trial in regard to the Jews?

### Verses 22-23

- Had Felix heard about Jesus, the Way?

### Verses 24-27

- What do we find out about Felix's wife here? Do you think this is how he may have heard about the Way?
- Why did Felix and Drusilla wish to speak with Paul?
- What three topics did Paul cover? Why do you think he chose these three? Think about the culture under Roman rule.
- How did Felix respond to Paul's message?
- Had Paul not been arrested would he have had the opportunity to minister to Felix?
- How long was Paul minister to Felix?
- Who succeeded Felix and how did this affect Paul?

## Acts 25

### Verses 1-5

- Who brought charges against Paul to Festus in Jerusalem? Look again at the two ways these men are described. What is the third description listed in verse 5?
- What was their covert plan?

### Verses 6-12

- How long did Festus stay in Jerusalem?
- When did he order Paul to be brought before him?
- Did the charges against Paul make a strong case?
- Did Paul defend himself? I keep asking this because there are many believers who think we should never offer a defense for ourselves. I recognize that Jesus didn't and I understand that if we're innocent we don't need a defense, but there is also Scripture which tells us that the Holy Spirit will tell us what to say when they haul us in to be tried. Therefore, I believe placing our trust in the Spirit to give us utterance is key.
- According to verse 9, what did Festus wish to do? Why do you think he wanted to do this?
- What did Festus ultimately do with Paul?

### Verses 13-22

- Who was King and what was his wife's name? He was of the house of Herod.
- According to verses 18 and 19, why was Festus surprised by the accusations against Paul?
- How did King Agrippa respond?

### Verses 23-27

- What was the next day like, and who joined in?
- Why does Festus say he brought Paul before them?

## Acts 26

- Paul's testimony to King Agrippa.

### Verses 1-23

- Why did Paul say he was being tried?
- To whom was he called to minister?
- What was his message to the Gentiles?

### Verses 24-29

- Of what did Festus accuse Paul? What did he say was causing this?
- How did Agrippa respond?
- What was Paul's wish?

Verses 30-32

- What did the king's investigation reveal?
- What did Agrippa say about Paul's appeal to Caesar?

See you tomorrow.