



Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus and Zoom class for Jan 16, 2022

Acts Ch 24/25 – Paul before Rulers and Kings

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *Jan 2, 2022 – Acts 22*
- ✓ *Jan 9, 2022 – Acts 23*
- ✓ *Jan 16, 2022 – Acts 24 & 25a.*
- *Jan 23, 2022 – Bill Minor will be teaching for me*
- *Jan 30, 2022 – Acts 25b. & 26a.*
- *Feb 6, 2022 - Acts 26b. & 27*
- *Feb 13, 2022 – Acts 28 and wrap*
- *Feb 20, 2022 – New Study*

Quick Review

In Chapter 23 we saw...

- *Paul's "escape" from Jerusalem where the Jews plotted to kill him*
- *Paul is aided by the Commander of the Roman Guard in Jerusalem to get him out and up to Caesarea Maritime to **Governor Felix***
- *We saw a letter from the Commander briefing Felix onboard with what happened and Paul's danger from the Jews*
- *We saw Paul arrive safely, and Felix agree to hear his case*

Maps of the Route and Paul's Home city



Paul's Journey to Caesarea

Acts 23:1-35



Caesarea Maritime



Caesarea Maritime today



Acts Ch 24:1-4 Felix hears the case of Paul

***24** Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a **lawyer** named **Tertullus**, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor.*

***2** When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: “**We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation.**”*

***3** Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude.*

***4** But in order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly.*

Acts Ch 24:5-9 The Attorney speaks...

⁵ ***“We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect***

⁶ and even tried to desecrate the temple; so, we seized him.

and we would have judged him in accordance with our law.

⁷ But the commander Lysias came and took him from us with much violence,

⁸ ordering his accusers to come before you. By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him.”

⁹ The other Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true.

Acts Ch 24:10-16 Paul takes the stand

10 When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: “I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so, I gladly make my defense.

11 You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city.

13 And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me.

14 However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,

15 and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

16 So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man

Acts Ch 24:17-23 *Felix concludes but does not decide*

17 “After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings.

18 I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance.

19 But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me.

20 Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin—

*21 unless it was this one thing I **shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”***

*22 Then Felix, who **was well acquainted with the Way**, adjourned the proceedings. **“When Lysias the commander comes,”** he said, **“I will decide your case.”***

*23 He ordered the centurion to **keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs.***

Acts Ch 24:24-27 Felix recalled by Rome

24 Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus.

25 As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you."

26 At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him.

27 When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

Acts Ch 25:1-5 *Festus replaces Felix*

¹Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem,

²where the chief priests and the Jewish leaders appeared before him and presented the charges against Paul.

³They requested Festus, as a favor to them, to have Paul transferred to Jerusalem, for they were preparing an ambush to kill him along the way.

⁴Festus answered, "Paul is being held at Caesarea, and I myself am going there soon.

⁵Let some of your leaders come with me, and if the man has done anything wrong, they can press charges against him there."

Acts Ch 25:6-8 *Festus hears the case*

⁶ After spending **eight or ten days with them**, Festus went down to **Caesarea**. The next day he convened the court and ordered that Paul be brought before him.

⁷ When Paul came in, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem **stood around him**. They brought **many serious charges against him**, **but they could not prove them**.

⁸ Then Paul made his defense: “I have done nothing wrong against the **Jewish law** or **against the temple** or **against Caesar**.”

Acts Ch 25:9-12 *Festus passes the buck*

⁹ Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there on these charges?”

*¹⁰ Paul answered: “I am **now** standing before Caesar’s court, where I ought to be tried. I have not done any wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well.*

*¹¹ If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. **I appeal to Caesar!**”*

¹² After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: “You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!”

But wait, there is more to come...

Acts Ch 25:13-14 *Paul gets to present to a King*

*¹³ A few days later **King Agrippa** and **Bernice** arrived at Caesarea to **pay their respects to Festus**.*

*¹⁴ Since they were spending many days there, **Festus discussed Paul's case with the king**. He said: **"There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner.***

Next week

- *Support Bill Minor as he comes to teach for me*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and leaders*
- *Pray for our Country, Counties, and Leaders*
- *Pray for each other*
- *Pray for healing of all the Covid and serious cases in our class and families*
- *Pray for Don and Randy in Honduras, and the rest of the team*
- *For the following week, Finish Acts 25 and read Acts 26, and come ready to discuss them*