

PAUL IN CAESAREA

Acts 24 - 26

After having escaped from four attempts of the Jews against his life in Jerusalem, Paul now faced trial in Caesarea. Picture each scene in your mind as you read:

A. Paul's Trial Before Felix the Governor: Read Acts 24:1-27

1. How long was Paul in Caesarea before his accusers arrived? Acts 24:1a

2. Who came with the high priest and elders to inform the governor against Paul? Acts 24:1b

3. What did they accuse Paul of
a. being? Acts 24:5 _____
b. doing? Acts 24:6 _____
4. Notice how Paul answered these accusations:
a. Could he possibly have done all they said in the twelve days since he arrived in Jerusalem? Acts 24:11, 12

b. Could they prove the things of which they accused Paul? Acts 24:13

5. What did Paul do besides just answering their charges? Acts 24:14-21

6. After hearing both sides, what decision did Felix make? Acts 24:22

7. How was Paul treated in the meantime? Acts 24:23

8. When Felix sent for Paul privately and heard him speak of Christ, righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, what did Felix do? Acts 24:25b

9. What did he hope Paul would do? Acts 24:26

10. What happened to Felix after two years? Acts 24:27

B. Paul's Trial Before Festus, the Governor: Read Acts 25:1-12

1. Why did the Jews ask Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem for trial? Acts 25:3

2. When he refused, what charges did they bring against Paul in Caesarea? Acts 25:7b

3. When Paul denied these charges, what did Festus ask him? Acts 25:8, 9

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4. In stating his refusal, to whom did Paul appeal? Acts 25:11b

5. Therefore, what was Festus' decision? Acts 25:12

C. Paul's Trial Before Agrippa, the King: Read Acts 25:13-26:32

1. When Festus told his visitors about Paul, what did Agrippa (son of Herod who had killed James, Acts 12:2) say? Acts 25:22

2. In opening this trial, what did Festus say of Paul? Acts 25:25-27

3. When Paul was permitted to answer for himself, what did he do?
Acts 26:1-23

4. What did Festus cry out after Paul's testimony? Acts 26:24

5. When Paul denied this, and addressed the king once more, what did Agrippa answer?
Acts 26:28

6. After consulting privately, what did all present decide about Paul?
Acts 26:31b

7. Yet where must he still go? Why? Acts 27:1, 26:32

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How could Paul be so completely unconcerned for himself at his trials, and yet so greatly concerned for his judges? Acts 25:25, 26:31, and 23:11.

2. Who guided the judges' decision that Paul should be sent to Rome?
