

Acts 24:1-27



- 1 Five days after Paul was escorted to Caesarea, Ananias, the high priest, arrived with some of the Jewish elders and the lawyer Tertullus, to present their case. Tertullus presented the charges against Paul. He began by making flattering remarks about Governor Felix.



- 2 Then he went on to claim, 'Paul is a troublemaker who is constantly stirring up riots among the Jews everywhere. He is a ringleader of the cult known as the Nazarenes. He was trying to desecrate the Temple when we arrested him.' The other Jews agreed with everything Tertullus said.



3 The governor then motioned for Paul to speak. Paul said, 'I arrived in Jerusalem no more than twelve days ago but my accusers never found me arguing with anyone, anywhere.'



4 'I admit that I follow "The Way", which they call a cult.'



5 'My accusers saw me in the Temple as I was completing a purification ceremony. There was no crowd around me and no rioting.'



6 'I am on trial before you today because I believe in the resurrection of the dead!'



7 At that point Felix, who was familiar with 'The Way', adjourned the hearing and said, 'Wait until Lysias, the garrison commander, arrives. Then I will decide the case.'  
Paul was kept in custody but given freedom to allow his friends to visit him.





8 A few days later Felix and his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish, sent for Paul. They listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus.



9 As Paul spoke about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. 'Go away for now,' he replied. 'When it is more convenient, I'll call for you again.'



10 Felix hoped that Paul would bribe him to get released, so he talked with him quite often. Felix, who also wanted to be popular with Paul's accusers, kept him in prison for the next two years. Felix was then succeeded by Porcius Festus.



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