

LESSON 10

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT AT CAESAREA (PART 2)

PAUL'S TRIAL BEFORE FELIX (24:1–23)

The last seven chapters of Acts tell of Paul as a prisoner. Paul had been brought to Caesarea and delivered to Governor Felix, who imprisoned him in Herod's Praetorium (23:23–35). Now, in chapter 24, Luke recorded Paul's first trial in Caesarea.

1. What does the word translated "attorney" in 24:1 mean?
2. For what reasons had the Jewish leaders probably secured the services of this attorney?
3. How true were the words of flattery that Tertullus spoke to Felix in 24:2, 3?
4. What were the three types of charges that Tertullus brought against Paul?
5. Why did Tertullus call Paul "a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes" (24:5)?
6. Why do brackets appear in 24:6, 8?
7. What did Tertullus probably want when he suggested that Felix examine "him" (24:8b)?
8. Why did Paul mention the number of days he had spent in Jerusalem in verse 11?
9. How did Paul show that he still identified himself with the Jews in 24:14?
10. What does the phrase "do my best" (24:16) mean?
11. What did Paul's reference to offerings mean in verse 17?

12. Whom did Felix have “a more exact knowledge about the Way” (24:22) than?
13. What does verse 22 tell us about Felix’s faith in the Way?
14. Where might Luke have been during this stage in Paul’s story?

**“WHEN I FIND TIME”: THE
NON-CONVERSION OF FELIX (24:24–27)**

Verses 24 through 27 comprise a classic case of procrastination in the Book of Acts: the non-conversion of Governor Felix. In the earlier part of the chapter, Paul was on trial for part of a day; in these verses, Felix was “on trial” for two years.

15. What does history say about the lives and backgrounds of Felix and Drusilla?
16. What three “accusations” did Paul make in his sermon to Felix and Drusilla, as outlined in 24:25?
17. What can the word “righteousness” mean?
18. How did Felix’s reaction to Paul at subsequent meetings differ from his first response to Paul’s message?
19. Why does history tell us that the Jews had Felix replaced?
20. How did Felix and Drusilla die?