

Acts 24:1-27

For Christians, Our Lives Aren't Just about Us ...Ultimately They are About Him

Paul's Trial before Roman Governor Felix v1-23

Wasn't Really About Paul But About Jesus Christ

The High Priest (and Others) Arrive to Challenge Paul v1-9

The Jewish High Priest Ananias and other Jewish VIPs traveled from Jerusalem to Caesarea with their attorney and brought charges to the Governor against Paul.

Their "Airtight" Case Boiled Down to These "Interesting" Accusations:

Paul is a real pest

Paul stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world

Paul is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

Paul tried to desecrate the Temple

Paul Turns the Tables and Shares His Faith v10-21

1: Here's What Didn't Happen v12-13

I did not stir up trouble/incite to riot either in the Temple/the synagogues, or in the city

2: Here's Who I Am v14-16

I worship the God of Israel/Hebrew Scriptures ...a freedom recognized by Roman Law

I believe in/share "The Way" rooted in the life/death and resurrection of Jesus

My faith is consistent with the Hebrew Scriptures

My faith affirms the truth of universal personal accountability before God

3: Here's What Happened v17-18

I was in the Temple area preparing to worship God, when I was attacked

4: There is No Evidence to Validate the Charges Against Me v19-21

The Asian Jews who started the riot, aren't here because their charges are invalid
The Sanhedrin couldn't agree about my case/situation but some of them hate me
because I proclaim the truth of the resurrection

Felix Adjourns the Proceedings for the Time Being v22-23

The Governor, kicks the can down the road...postpones any final decision and keeps Paul
custody in Caesarea on the pretext of needing more information before continuing.

Paul's Ongoing Interactions with the Governor v24-27

Weren't Really About Paul But About Jesus Christ

Felix and his wife Drusilla (a Jew) interacted with Paul (two on one) and heard him *speak*
about faith in Christ Jesus. But as he got more and more specific about the Savior and
the need for salvation, Felix backed away...during this time, the Governor was hoping
that Paul might pay him a bride to dismiss his case/the charges against him.

Bottom Line: This status quo continued for a period of two years, until Governor Felix
was succeeded by Porcius Festus. Wanting to make points with the Jewish leadership in
Jerusalem, he left Paul imprisoned... (and the story continues see Acts 25-28)

Take This To Heart

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We see this in the Paul's life in Acts 24 and described in Galatians 2:20.

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer (the old) I who lives
but Christ lives in me; and the life (I have in Christ that) I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Convicting/Humbling Questions

How often is Christ in us, REVEALED by our attitudes/actions?
How often is Christ in us, CONCEALED by our attitudes/actions?