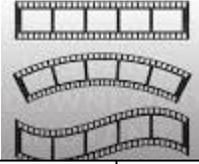


Acts 24 - Lesson 26



1. **Summary** of Events: Write down the location, specific witnesses and what happened in each scene of this chapter.

Scene	Passage	Location	Main witness, if any? One sharing the gospel?	What other characters are mentioned? Who is the opposing antagonist to the main witness?	What happened? Explain it as if you were speaking to a fourth grader. Who did what?
24.1	24:1-9				
24.2	24:10-21				
24.3	24:22-23				
24.4	24:24-27				

2. How do these events relate to the overall theme of the book? How is Acts 9:15 beginning to be fulfilled?

3. Interact with your TEXT of Acts 24 in the following ways:
 - Highlight in red all those opposed to Paul and any harsh treatment of him
 - In green, draw a box around any repeated words
 - Underline in blue any key dialogue that seems to highlight the theme of Acts or move the plot along.

Acts 24

After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders, with an attorney *named* Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul. ²After *Paul* had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying *to the governor*, “Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation, ³we acknowledge *this* in every way and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. ⁴But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you ^lto grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing. ⁵For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. ⁶And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him. [We wanted to judge him according to our own Law.⁷ But Lysias the commander came along, and with much violence took him out of our hands, ⁸ordering his accusers to come before you.] By examining him yourself concerning all these matters you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him.” ⁹The Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

¹⁰When the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded: “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense, ¹¹since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.¹² Neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city *itself* did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or causing a riot.¹³ Nor can they prove to you *the charges* of which they now accuse me.¹⁴ But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; ¹⁵having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ¹⁶In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience *both* before God and before men. ¹⁷Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings; ¹⁸in which they found me *occupied* in the temple, having been purified, without *any* crowd or uproar. But *there were* some Jews from Asia— ¹⁹who ought to have been present before you and to make accusation, if they should have anything against me. ²⁰Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before the Council, ²¹other than for this one statement which I shouted out while standing among them, ‘For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.’”

²²But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case.” ²³Then he gave orders to the centurion for him to be kept in custody and *yet* have *some* freedom, and not to prevent any of his friends from ministering to him.

Paul

- a. What does Paul say in defense of the Jews' accusations?
- b. What admission does Paul make regarding his beliefs?
- c. What did Paul say would have been an appropriate accusation and by whom?
- d. What did Paul say was the real reason he was on trial?

Felix

- a. What two short statements does Felix make?
- b. In what ways do Felix's two statements contribute to the fulfillment of the prophecy regarding Paul in Acts 9:15?

Luke, the narrator's comments

- a. Write down any comments made by the narrator which seem to shed light on what is going on in this chapter.

APPLICATION

7. What do you learn about being a follower of Jesus from Acts 24? Are there any examples to follow, whether it pertains to your attitude or actions?