



Acts 24

Something to Start Us Off

- If you were on trial for your beliefs, who would be the most unlikely witness you might call to help you in your defense?

Something to Notice

Let's dive into the details of Acts 24—notice the people, places, and actions that drive this chapter!

- Who accuses Paul and what charges do they bring in Acts 24:1-9?
- How does Paul open his speech in Acts 24:10-13?
- What does Paul say about his faith in Acts 24:14-16?
- Paul makes several points in his defense in Acts 24:17-21. What are they?
- What do we learn about Paul's further interactions with Felix in Acts 24:22-27?

Something to Learn

Key Insights:

* Acts 24 reveals Paul's clear conscience in trial; Felix kept him imprisoned two years as a political favor – well, and maybe to get some money.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you describe the strategy of Tertullus at the beginning of the chapter?
- By way of contrast, how would you describe the strategy of Paul?
- While it doesn't say this directly, what do you think went through Paul's mind during all this time before Roman officials, in custody, and waiting for an outcome?
- What would you say this section reveals about the character of Felix?

Something to Take Home

- Let's look at Paul as a positive example in this chapter. What is something we can learn from him?
- On the other hand, both the Jewish and Roman leaders that we see show us examples of the kind of behavior we should avoid. What can we (negatively) learn from them?