

## Acts 25

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### Acts 25: 1-8

- Paul is still in jail
- Paul's case is different than many other cases
- Festus has to follow Roman law but if he lets Paul go, he would get on the wrong side of the Jewish people
- Festus was the successor to Felix
- Festus is in Jerusalem and Paul's accusers ask him if he could send Paul down to Jerusalem so they could kill him – Acts 25:3
- Festus instead welcomes Paul's accusers to with him so Caesarea
- He then asks Paul to go back with him to Jerusalem
- This benefits him in 2 ways
  - 1. He would get on the good side of the Jewish leadership
  - 2. It would also move the venue of the trial so Festus doesn't have to deal with it
- The accusers surround Paul and bring false accusations again – Acts 25:7
- These Jews are relentless and are determined to kill Paul
- Paul stands in defense and shares again that he hasn't done anything wrong
- Paul being in jail for years is still following and seeking the Lord – Col 3:1-3

### Acts 25: 9-12

- Paul's case is he either needs make a fair decision or let him go and present his case to Caesar
- Paul also shares again that you haven't found anything against me
- Paul goes as far as to say, if you did find something I did wrong I would willing be put to death for my crime – Acts 25:11
- Paul since being in jail has not lost his boldness
- Festus after getting other people's opinion, agrees to send Paul to make his case to Caesar – Acts 25:12
- This will take Paul out of his hands and take his problem elsewhere.
- Felix made his first big decision as a new ruler

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### Acts 25: 13-22

- Before Paul can leave for Rome, King Herod Agrippa II and his sister/lover Bernice come to visit Festus.
- Felix uses this time to ask them about Paul's case – Acts 25:14
- The new governor isn't as knowledgeable about the Jewish religion as Felix, whose wife was Jewish, had been.
- This is why Festus asks them for their advise on Paul
- Festus is clear that he hasn't seen any wrongdoing by Paul – Acts 25:18
- Festus also knows it's absurd to send a man to trial in Rome with no official charges, this is why he asks Agrippa for advice
- Herod Agrippa II wants to see Paul and to hear his side of the story
- It appears as if Festus was scared and concerned that he wasn't making the right decision this is why he asks for help

### Acts 25:23-27

- Festus brings in Paul too meet Agrippa
- This meeting isn't to benefit Paul but for Festus
- Paul is going to give his defense to Agrippa
- Paul is continuing to be faithful wherever God has him