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## Acts 24:1-9 – False accusations

- Paul's in a physically not in a good position
- Paul is still in prison and waiting to see the judge
- Paul still has many Jews trying to make accusations against him
- We meet a man named Tertullus, he functioned similar to a modern day lawyer – Acts 24:1
- Tertullus is representing the Jews and is making a case against Paul
- Ananias the high priest came and so this was a huge case against Paul
- Tertullus started to accuse Paul in front of Felix
- Paul gets accused of 3 things
- 1. A personal charge (a Pestilent fellow) – Acts 24:5
- 2. A political charge (ringleader of a sect of the Nazarenes) – Acts 24:5
- 2 A Doctrinal charge (profaned the temple) – Acts 24:6
- It was illegal to establish a new religion in Rome without approval of the government
- Tertullus presented the case a little differently than in Acts 21:27-40
- He also had Jews there to testify that what he was saying is true – Acts 24:9

## Acts 24:10-21- Paul's Answer

- Paul approaches this logically
- Paul also got just a nod of the head for him to speak
- Paul goes back to verifiable evidence and shares that there is none – Acts 24:11
- Paul shares that he worships the same God and has never changed – Acts 24:14
- The only thing different for Paul is that he is worshipping God in a new way
- The Pharisees and Sadducees would have agreed with Paul when he says he still is believing in the (book of Moses) the law Acts 24:14
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- Paul responded to The Jewish Asians that had problems with Paul in the temple
- Paul continues to go back to the idea that they don't have any proof of this happening because he hasn't done it
- Paul ends this off by bringing it back to Jesus and saying that this is why I am before you today – Acts 24:21
- It seems as if the judge is not being biased and hearing both sides of the case equally

### **Acts 24:22-27 – Paul still in prison**

- The jews have been adamant to convict Paul of a crime
- Felix has had some knowledge of Jesus prior to this to help him in his decision – Acts 24:22
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