

Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 09/16/24

Lesson 26
Acts 25:1-27

1. Read Acts 25:1-7. Why do you think Festus began his new position as Governor of Judea by going immediately to Jerusalem? Who appeared before him shortly after his arrival? What did they want him to do? Why?
2. What had been the desire of the unbelieving Jews ever since Paul had arrived? (Acts 21:27-31, 22:22, 23:10-15, 25:3) What possible explanation for their irrational hatred of Paul can be found in John 8:42-47 and 2 Cor. 4:4?
3. Read Acts 25:8-9. Festus was a better administrator than Felix in that he didn't procrastinate but jumped right into resolving the situation with Paul. Yet, what major fault did he have?
4. How much are we like Festus? Do we, as individual Christians or as the combined body of the Church, sometimes compromise what is right in order to please someone else or at least to not offend someone else? Try to give an example.
5. Read Acts 25:10-12 and 26:32. Why did Paul refuse to go back to Jerusalem? Why did he appeal to Caesar instead? Do you think he was right in doing so? Why or why not?
6. Read Acts 25:13-22. Why do you think Festus discussed the case with King Agrippa and Bernice? What did Festus understand to be the underlying problem? (v. 19) How was that a major problem?
7. Read Acts 25:23-27. Who came to hear Paul's testimony before Agrippa? How would you describe them in comparison to Paul? Who would history prove to be the most important and impressive person there? What does that teach you about the values of the world?
8. What major problem did Festus still have regarding Paul?