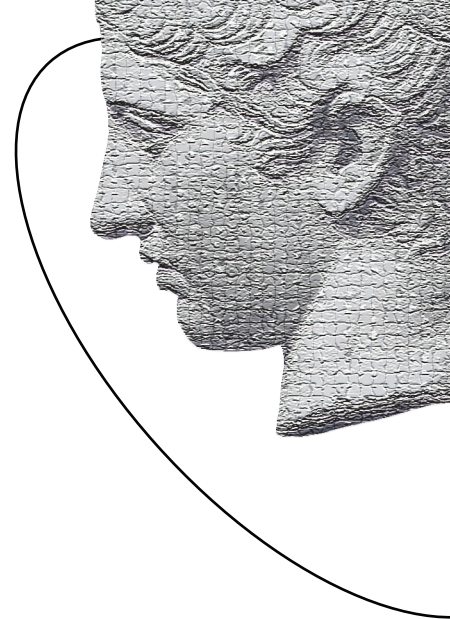




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## 24



### when.

- The events in Acts 24 occurred between approximately 57-59 A.D.

### characters.

- **Paul (Saul)** – Paul was an Apostles who planted churches in the Mediterranean region.
- **Antonius Felix** – Roman procurator of Judea from 52-60 A.D.
- **Drusilla** – Wife of Felix and sister to Berenice and Herod Agrippa II
- **Ananias and Tertullus** – Jews who came from Jerusalem to accuse Paul of wrongdoing.

### where.

- Everything we read about in Acts 24 happened in Caesarea Maritima.



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## outline.

- PAUL'S ACCUSER'S SPEAK TO FELIX (24:1-9):
  - + At the end of the last chapter, Paul was sent to Caesarea to await trial.
  - + Five days later, Paul's accusers came from Jerusalem to Caesarea.
  - + Tertullus, the Jewish spokesmen, stood before Felix and commended him for leadership before launching into condemnation of Paul.
  - + He called Paul a "plague" who stirred up riots everywhere he went.
  - + He said that he was a "ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes," and that he tried to profane the Temple in Jerusalem.
- PAUL'S DEFENDS HIMSELF BEFORE FELIX (24:10-21):
  - + Paul told Felix he had only been in Jerusalem a short time and could not be rightfully accused of causing any kind of trouble in either the Temple or any synagogue.
  - + He told Felix the Jews couldn't prove any of their accusations.
  - + Paul did confess to believing in Jesus, "the Way", and in everything written in the Jewish Law and by the Jewish prophets.
  - + He told Felix he was minding his own business, purifying himself in the Temple, when the Jews from Asia, who weren't present at the trial, started a riot and tried to kill him.
  - + Paul said the Jewish council had no legitimate charge against him, except his belief in the resurrection, which was hardly a reason for incarceration.
- FELIX DELAYS JUDGEMENT AND IS REPLACED BY FESTUS (24:22-27):
  - + Rather than deciding the case, Felix delayed passing judgement with the excuse that he needed to wait for the Roman tribune, Claudius Lysias, to arrive.
  - + Paul was kept in custody, but his friends were allowed to visit him.
  - + Felix and his wife, Drusilla, summoned Paul and listened to him speak about faith in Christ and the coming Judgement Day.
  - + Felix was alarmed and sent Paul away.
  - + After 2 years, Felix was replaced as governor by Porcius Festus, and he left Paul in prison.

## application.

- There is no way to escape criticism from people who don't love Jesus.
- You will never be able to profess Jesus correctly while avoiding all backlash.
- Even if your life is squeaky clean and your words are spoken with precision and tact, there will still be those who come after you.
- Jesus promised it would be this way (John 15:18-19).
- People hated Jesus and He was perfect in life and speech.
- If you live an upright life, people will lie about you to discredit you.
- Don't prioritize avoiding criticism over getting the gospel message to the world.

