

On Trial for Jesus

Acts 23:12-24:27

Part 1: The Plots of Man and the Providence of God – 23:12-35

The Asian Jews failed in their attempt to _____ Paul.

The Sanhedrin had been unable to _____ him.

So now an evil _____ is conspired by 40 men who pledged not to eat or drink until Paul is _____.

But God is _____. His plans regarding Paul, the Gospel, and the spread of the church are _____.

By God’s _____ (His “wise and purposeful sovereignty”), Paul’s nephew learns of the plot and it is ultimately foiled.

The result? Paul will now go to speak to Felix, the Roman governor! The Gospel will reach Rome! God Himself will _____.

Remember, man is ‘_____’, but God is always ‘_____’!

Part 2: Paul’s Cheerful Defense – 24:1-21

Paul was “cheerful” (not fearful) to give this defense because he focused on the _____ before him, not the _____ to him!

Tertullus’ prosecution focused on 3 charges:

- 1) He is a _____. (24:5a)
- 2) He is a _____ for a heretical sect. (24:5b)
- 3) He _____ (profaned) the Temple. (24:6)

Paul’s defense to those charges:

- 1) I have been back for 12 days ... _____! (24:11-13)
- 2) I believe in the same _____, _____, and _____ as these men. (24:14-15)
- 3) I was _____ so that I could _____ in the Temple. (24:17-18)
And he added:
- 4) Where are the Jews from ASIA who accused me?

What was Paul actually “guilty” of in their eyes?

_____!

And if Jesus is raised, that _____!

Paul’s clear conscience:

“I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.”

A clear conscience towards God requires at least this: _____ enough to be _____.

A clear conscience towards man requires at least this: _____ enough to be _____.

Part 3: A Case Study in Unbelief – Acts 24:22-26

Paul Kept in Custody

We see the continuous thread through the book of Acts of Jewish _____ and Roman/Gentile _____ towards Paul and the Gospel.

Even though Paul was imprisoned, he was afforded liberties unlike other prisoners. He was also given a respite from the attacks of the Jews and any further trials.

Through all of this, Jesus was with him. And in all of this, he constantly talked about Jesus.

Felix and the Gospel:

He had _____, but not _____.

He had _____, but not _____.

He felt _____, but was not _____.

And for _____ years he conversed with Paul, but there’s no evidence he was ever _____. And that’s a tragedy.

My responsibility manward:

My responsibility Godward:

Presentation of Final List of Elder Candidates

The council of elders present Tyler Campbell, Jed Downs, and David Glover as elder candidates. The church will be asked to vote on each man at the end of the worship service on December 4th as required in the church bylaws.

Membership Matters Schedule

Dinner with the Pastor | Monday, November 7 | 6:15pm | Parlor

Meaningful Membership | Wednesday, November 16 | 5:45pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, join us for Dinner with the Pastor (introduction to membership) and our Meaningful Membership Class. Both classes are required for membership. To sign up or for more information, call Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Veterans Day Service & Lunch

Thursday, November 10 | 11:00am | Fellowship Center

One of our elders, Eric Donop, will be preaching the worship service. There will be a special time of remembering and honoring our veterans during the service. Lunch will be served immediately following the service in the Fellowship Center.

Help Provide a Thanksgiving Meal for Fostering Hope Families

Calvary’s Women’s Ministry has agreed to provide side dishes to foster families through Fostering Hope. The church will provide large aluminum pans and lids plus freezer space but we need ladies to fill the dishes and have it ready to bake. Pans labeled with side dishes needed can be picked up in the Fellowship Center. Side dishes needed are macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, corn casserole, sweet potato casserole, and chicken and dressing. Dishes are due back to the church office by Friday, November 18, and will be delivered to Fostering Hope on November 19.

Alabama Baptist State Convention

November 15-16 | Birmingham, AL

If you would like to attend the Alabama Baptist State Convention as a messenger for Calvary, call the church office or email caren@calvarydothan.com.

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Sundays | 8-8:15am | Parlor

There is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Prayer time will meet in the Parlor for the next few weeks while lights are being replaced in the Sanctuary.

Calvary Kids Worship Schedule

Please mark your calendar today. As we look ahead, there will be no Kids Worship on these Sundays: November 6th, November 13th, December 4th, December 25th, and January 1st.

Children’s Choir

Wednesdays | 6-6:30pm | Clubhouse Room in the Preschool Building

This is an optional opportunity for 1st-5th grade children to join in leading worship during the Christmas at Calvary evening worship service on Sunday, December 4. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30. Children in choir will need to be dropped off and checked-in at the Preschool Building. After rehearsals are finished, children will be escorted to the Children’s Building to finish the night at Adventure Club, so pick up will be as normal.

Leaders Needed

There are some excellent openings in the Calvary Kids Ministry we hope you will consider serving. We have THREE openings on Sunday mornings, and ONE opening on Wednesday evenings. If you’re interested in joining our team and would like to learn more, email us at zach@calvarydothan.com or text 334-733-6326.

Want to help decorate for Christmas?

If you can help put up Christmas decorations at the church on Monday, November 21 and/or Tuesday, November 22, call Rebekah in the church office.

How do I overcome my fear of evangelism?

Dr. Ligon Duncan | September 3, 2019

How should we overcome a fear of evangelism? Dr. Ligon Duncan addresses what holds us back from sharing the gospel and explains how we can become bolder in sharing our faith. Below is a lightly edited transcript.

We all fear evangelism for different reasons. Sometimes those reasons have to do with not being confident that we know how to share the gospel clearly and compellingly. Sometimes, very frankly, it’s fear of man. We fear rejection. If it’s a family member, for instance, that we fear we might offend if we share the gospel, sometimes we don’t want to get involved in that conversation. So there are lots of reasons why people fear evangelism, and I would say just several things to us by way of encouragement.

One is we all love to talk about what matters to us most. If you’re around grandparents who have just had a new grandchild, I’ll bet you’ve had them pull out pictures of them to tell you about their grandchild. The thing that matters most in this world is the loving, holy, sovereign God and his work of grace and salvation and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, whereby we are saved eternally, brought into a family that will never end, and made to be in the image of God again, what we were originally created to be. That is the greatest, most happy, most wonderful thing that has ever happened in this world, and we ought to be excited to talk about that. Study to know how to share the gospel.

So one thing that we can do is really work through that issue in our heart. Do we care about this more than anything else in the world? If we do, we will find natural ways to talk about that with others in respectful ways.

Do we love people enough to tell them about something that matters eternally?

I would say in wrestling with the fear of evangelism, **study to know how to share the gospel.** Just make sure that you know in 30 seconds how to share the gospel. There are different ways that you can do it. You can use outlines: God, man, Christ, faith. Or God, our maker; sin, our failure; Christ, our Savior; faith, our answer. Or there are all sorts of wonderful books and gospel outlines out there that you can read and study. So if your fear is “I don’t know what to say, I don’t know how to say it well” then give yourself to study on that from the Word and from the various other Christian helps that there are.

But if it’s a fear of man, a fear of rejection, then I would say again, two things. One, we need to go back and say, “What matters to us most?” Do we love people enough to tell them about something that matters eternally? And then we decide we’re going to talk about this with people that we know and love as respectfully as we possibly can. We’re going to take them seriously as human beings in the image of Christ. We’re going to look with the most effective times and ways and occasions that we can talk with them about the gospel.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- Churchwide

Connect Card

November 6, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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November Missions Spotlight

Moses O. Odhiambo

Echoes of Mercy Mission, Kenya

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy you can visit facebook.com/eomkenya or www.echoesofmercy.org.

Fostering Hope

Local Missions Partner

The leadership of Fostering Hope has a desire to support, encourage, and assist foster families and children of the Wiregrass. Their mission: Fostering hope by sharing Christ's love with foster families and children of the Wiregrass. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Fostering Hope you can visit facebook.com/fosteringhopewiregrass or fosteringhopewiregrass.com.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

October 30

Life Groups: 520
10:00 Worship: 584
Hispanic Church: 108
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 30: \$50,860.28
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$12,118.40)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, November 6:

2 Sam 15, 2 Cor 8, Ezk 22, Ps 69

Monday, November 7:

2 Sam 16, 2 Cor 9, Ezk 23, Ps 70-71

Tuesday, November 8:

2 Sam 17, 2 Cor 10, Ezk 24, Ps 72

Wednesday, November 9:

2 Sam 18, 2 Cor 11, Ezk 25, Ps 73

Thursday, November 10:

2 Sam 19, 2 Cor 12, Ezk 26, Ps 74

Friday, November 11:

2 Sam 20, 2 Cor 13, Ezk 27, Ps 75-76

Saturday, November 12:

2 Sam 21, Gal 1, Ezk 28, Ps 77

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

I'm New Here



To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, November 6:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, November 12:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, November 13:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 9 | 6pm

Exodus 13: The Strong Hand and Sure Presence of God

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 13 | 10am

Acts: A Life Leveraged for the Gospel

Acts 25

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, November 16 | 6pm

Exodus 14: The Salvatio of the Lord

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 20 | 10am

Acts: A Resurrected Life

Acts 26

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

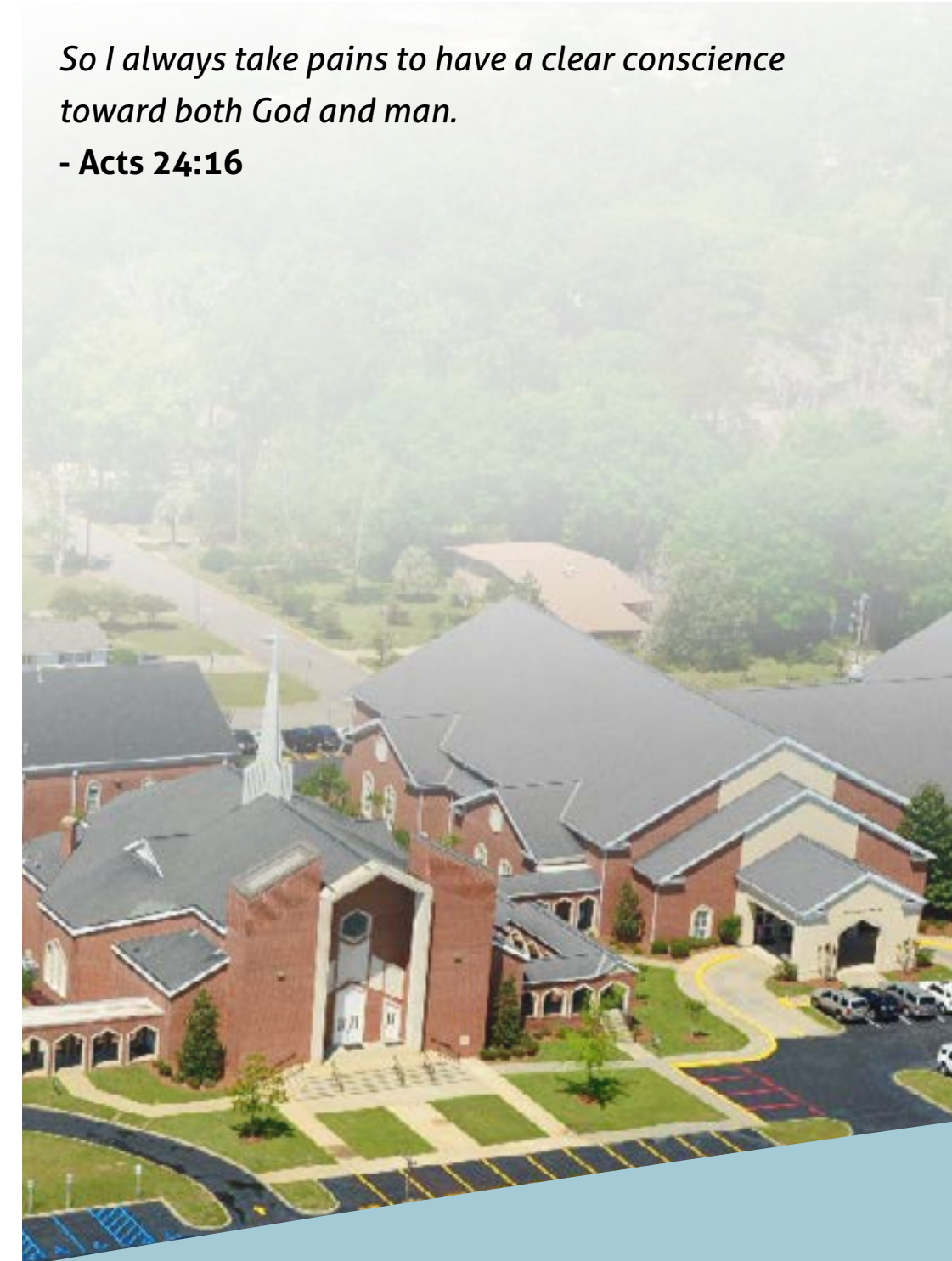
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

- Acts 24:16



WELCOME TO
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BAPTIST CHURCH