

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: