

**Paul Before Felix**  
**Lesson 8**  
**Acts 24:1-27**

The Roman Commander was determined not to lose his Roman citizen prisoner. So when he learned of a plot to kill Paul, he had him moved at night, under heavy guard, to the city of Caesarea. Paul was given comfortable quarters in Herod's palace while he waited for his case to be heard.

**The Charges – Acts 24:1-9**

1. How long did Paul have to wait before charges were brought against him? (Acts 24:1a)
  - Who brought the charges? (Acts 24:1)
2. Paul was brought before Governor Felix and formally charged by the spokesman, Tertullus. What compliments did Tertullus give to Felix in hope of softening him toward their cause? (Acts 24:2, 3)
3. What did Tertullus say that he did not want to do to “most excellent” Felix? (Acts 24:4a)
  - What was his request? (Acts 24:4b)
4. List the three charges brought against Paul. (Acts 24:5-7)
5. What did Tertullus want Felix to do? (Acts 24:8)
6. Who added their support to Tertullus' words? (Acts 24:9)

**Paul's Defense – Acts 24:10-21**

7. Governor Felix motioned for Paul to speak. What was Paul's opening statement? (Acts 24:10)
  
8. Beginning with the temple charge, what did Paul say in his defense? (Acts 24:11-13)
  - **Reflect:** What was Paul saying to Felix regarding these charges against him?
  
9. What did Paul admit to Felix? (Acts 24:14a)
  
10. In his defense, Paul laid out for Felix what he believed. Using Acts 24:14b-15:
  - With what did Paul agree?
  
  - Where was his hope?
  
  - What did Paul say he believed?
  
11. At the conclusion of his opening statement, what did Paul say that he always strived to do? (Acts 24:16)
  
12. Using Acts 24:17-20:
  - How long had Paul been away from Jerusalem?
  
  - Why did he say he was in Jerusalem at that time?
  
  - What was Paul's physical state when he was in the temple courts?

- What about the trouble the accusers talked about?
  - Paul did add a “but.” Who did Paul say should be standing before Felix?
13. These men who were accusing Paul were from the Sanhedrin. What did Paul say they should do? (Acts 24:20)
14. Paul helped them out by giving Felix the real reason for which he was on trial. What was that reason? (Acts 24:21)

**Felix (In) Decision – Acts 24:22-27**

15. Was Paul's testimony regarding “The Way” new information to Felix? (Acts 24:22a)
- How did Felix end the session? (Acts 24:22)
16. What were his orders regarding Paul? (Acts 24:23)
17. Several days later, Felix brought his wife to see Paul. What information did Luke give about her? (Acts 24:24a)
18. What did Paul talk about with Felix and his wife? (Acts 24:24b – 25a)
19. At first Felix listened. What ended this session? (Acts 24:25a)
20. After telling Paul he was dismissed, when did he say that Paul would be called for again? (Acts 24:25b)

21. What was Felix hoping for? (Acts 24:26a)

- How often did Felix send for Paul? (Acts 24:26b)

22. Using Acts 24:27:

- How long did Luke say that Paul was under Felix's care?
- Who succeeded Felix as Governor?
- What was Felix's decision regarding the prisoner Paul?