

Paul Before Agrippa
Lesson 10
Acts 25:23-26:32

Festus had inherited Paul as a prisoner from Felix when he took office as Governor. He did not know what to do and was relieved when Paul exercised his right as a Roman citizen by appealing to Caesar. When King Agrippa came to visit, Festus hoped that he could give him some counsel regarding Paul's case.

Festus Shares the Background - 25:23-27

1. In describing the scene, what did Luke say about: (Acts 25:23a)

- When
- Who
- How

"At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in." (Acts 25:23b)

2. Festus addressed the audience saying, *"You see this man!"* Using verse 24:

- Who did he say had petitioned him?
- Where did they do this?
- How?
- For what reason?

3. But Festus had two problems with the case of Paul; what were they? (Acts 25:25a)

4. Festus decided that he would do as Paul requested. Where would he be sending Paul? (Acts 25:25b)

5. After presenting the situation and his decision, what new problem did Festus face? (Acts 25:26a)

- What was Festus hoping that King Agrippa would do? (Acts 25:26b)

- Why? (Acts 25:27)

Paul's Defense – Acts 26:1-23

6. King Agrippa gave Paul permission to speak. (Acts 26:1a) What detail did Luke add about Paul? (Acts 26:1b)
 - **Reflect:** What does the inclusion of such details suggest about the author Luke?
7. Paul addressed the king with respect and said that he considered himself fortunate to stand before the king and make his defense. (Acts 26:2) Why did Paul say that he felt so fortunate? (Acts 26:3a)
 - How did Paul want the king to listen? (Acts 26:3b)
8. Paul's defense began with what was well known information among the Jews. Using Acts 26:4, 5:
 - How long had Paul been known to the Jews?
 - Where was this known?
 - How did Paul live?
9. What was the real reason Paul gave for being on trial? (Acts 26:6)
10. What additional weight did Paul add to his defense? (Acts 26:7)
11. What question did Paul pose? (Acts 26:8)
12. Paul said at one point he too was convinced of what? (Acts 26:9)

13. Paul gave details of his life before Christ in verses 10 & 11. What stands out to you in his story?
14. Paul recalled that journey when he met Jesus in verses 12 – 18.
 - Where was Paul going at the time? (Acts 26:12a)
 - Under whose authority (Acts 26:12b)
 - When did the encounter take place? (Acts 26:13a)
 - What did Paul and his companions see? (Acts 26:13b)
15. Paul fell to the ground and heard a voice speaking in what language? (Acts 26:14a)
 - What did the voice say? (Acts 26:14b)
 - Paul asked the identity of the voice. What was the answer? (Acts 26:15)
16. Paul was told to “*get up.*” What reason did the voice give Paul for this appearance? (Acts 26:16)
17. What promise did Paul receive at that time? (Acts 26:17a)
18. What was Paul's mission? (Acts 26:17b – 18)
 - Sent to:
 - Turn them:
 - To receive:

19. What did Paul emphasize to King Agrippa? (Acts 26:19)
20. Where did Paul say that he preached that message? (Acts 26:20a)
 - What was that message? (Acts 26:20b)
21. What did Paul say about the Jews? (Acts 26:21)
22. How was Paul able to endure? (Acts 26:22a)
23. Paul was standing before the King of Judea testifying to what? (Acts 26:22, 23)

Festus Interrupts – Acts 26:24-29

24. At this point Festus interrupted Paul's testimony. Using Acts 26:24:
 - What tone of voice did Festus use?
 - By his comment, what was he accusing Paul of?
 - What did he attribute this to?
25. What was Paul's response to these accusations? (Acts 26:25)
26. What did Paul say about King Agrippa? (Acts 26:26)
27. What did he ask the king? (Acts 26:27)

28. The king did not answer Paul's question but asked one of his own. What was his comment to Paul's testimony? (Acts 26:28)
29. What was Paul's answer? (Acts 26:29)

The Discussion – Acts 26:30-32

30. The king rose from his seat and who else joined him? (Acts 26:30)
31. As they were leaving the room, what was their discussion? (Acts 26:31)
32. What did Agrippa tell Festus? (Acts 26:32)