

# ACTS of the Apostles

## Acts 21-26

## Paul's Trial

1. Who was the prophet that warned of something bad that was going to happen to Paul? (21:10)
2. What was going to happen? (21:11)
3. What did the disciples try to get Paul to do? (21:12)
4. What did Paul say to them (21:13-14)
5. What did the Jews accuse Paul of doing? (21:28)
6. What did Paul tell the Jews about when he had a chance to speak? (22:3-21)
7. Who was the high priest that was against Paul? (23:2)
8. Who told Paul that Jews were waiting to kill Paul? (23:14-16)
9. What city was Paul's "hometown"?
10. What was King Agrippa "almost persuaded" to be? (26:26-29)

## PAUL'S TRIAL

Class: 5th/6th

Lesson X-12

Text: Acts 21-26

Memory Verse: Acts 23:11

Disregarding warnings of imprisonment at Jerusalem, Paul makes his way back to that city. True to prophecy, unbelieving Jews made false accusations against Paul which resulted in his arrest. Paul makes his defense stating that he only teaches what was foretold in the law of Moses. Felix keeps Paul under house arrest for approximately two years. Eventually Paul appeals to a greater authority.

Please read the text first.

DEFINE THE FOLLOWING:

1. DEFILE -
2. REVILE -
3. TESTIFY -
4. ORATOR -
5. PLAGUE -
6. DISSENSION -
7. APPEAL -

## QUESTIONS

1. While Paul traveled back to Jerusalem, he was repeatedly warned about what?
2. Name the Prophet from Judea.
3. Paul was ready to do what at Jerusalem? (21:13)
4. What did the Jewish elders think of the things God had done among the Gentiles on this trip?

5. Of what had the unbelieving Jews been accusing Paul?
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  - 2.
  - 3.
6. What did the elders advise Paul to do?
7. What was decided that the Gentile believers should do?
8. Were the Gentiles supposed to be circumcised?
9. Why did the Jews from Asia stir up the crowd when they saw Paul in the Temple?
10. What did the crowd do to Paul?
11. On hearing of the uproar, the military commander came and did what to Paul?
12. Paul was given permission to speak to the crowd. They listened until he mentioned what?
13. Upon hearing his statement, the crowd became so angry they said what about him?
14. What did the commander order to be done to Paul?
15. What was Paul's question to the centurion in 22:25?
16. Why did the Roman soldiers become afraid?
17. When Paul was brought before the chief priests and council, of what did he say he was accused?
18. What was the response on the part of the Pharisees?

19. Some Jews made a vow concerning Paul -- what was their vow?
20. Who warned the commander of the plot?
21. What did the commander decide to do with Paul?
22. What was wrong with the commanders account of Paul's arrest?
23. How many soldiers were guarding Paul?
24. Who came to accuse Paul before Felix?
25. Name the four things that Paul was accused of at this time.
26. Felix decided to wait until who had come?
27. Felix was married to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Describe Paul's period of imprisonment.
29. Why did Felix keep Paul so long?
30. Who succeeded Felix?

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Acts 20:25  
Paul Knew he would  
not see them again

**Concept development:** Faith – Knowing God cares for us

### **Body:**

**Jerusalem** The brethren at Jerusalem received Paul with gladness  
Paul told James and the rest of the elders about his journey  
The elders told Paul that many believing Jews had said that He  
    Taught the Jews to forsake Moses  
    Should not circumcise their children  
    To not walk in the customs of their fathers  
They ask Paul to join in a vow with 4 men  
When the seven days for the vow were almost finished Paul was in the Temple  
The Jews from Asia saw him, stirred up the people, and laid hands on Paul accusing him of  
    Teaching against the Law and the Temple everywhere  
    He has defiled this holy place  
They took him outside the city to kill him  
The chief captain heard of the trouble and went to see what was happening  
Because of the mob he did not know what Paul had done so he brought him to castle  
Paul was beaten so bad that the soldiers had to help him walk up the stairs  
Paul asked to speak to the mob of people outside of the castle  
    I am a Jew taught by Gamaliel in the perfect manner of the Law zealous toward God  
    I persecuted the Way putting men and women in prison and to death  
    Paul tells of his conversion on the road to Damascus  
    His first time in Jerusalem the Lord told him to leave and go unto the Gentiles  
    The caused an loud cry from the crowd "Away with him"  
The chief captain ordered Paul to be brought in and beat  
Paul told the centurion that he was uncondemned Roman  
The next day Paul was brought before the chief priest and the council  
    Paul said that he had lived in all good conscience before God until this day  
    Ananias the high priest said to slap him on the mouth  
    Paul said that God would smite him (whited hall)  
    Paul saw that the Pharisees and the Sadducees were together against him  
    I am a Pharisee, a son of a Pharisee; it is the hope of the resurrection that I am accused  
    A great dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees  
    The Pharisees said that they find no fault in him  
The chief captain came and got Paul for fear of the mob and brought him back to the castle  
The next day the Jews banded together and made a vowed  
They would not eat or drink until they had killed Paul (40+)  
Paul's nephew heard of the plot and warned Paul and then the chief captain  
The chief captain prepared to send Paul to Felix the governor  
    200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, 200 spearman and wrote a letter explaining what happened  
**Caesarea** Ananias the high priest, certain elders and an orator came down to accuse Paul before Felix  
They accused Paul of being a pestilent fellow, mover of insurrections, ringleader of the sect of the  
Nazarenes and profaning the temple without any proof  
Paul's defense  
    When I was taken I was alone in the temple  
    I believe all things of the Law and prophets and serve the God of our fathers  
    I look for the resurrection of the just and unjust as these men do  
    After many years I have returned bring alms for my nation  
    It was the Jews from Asia that accused me of wrong  
Felix said that he would judge when the chief captain had come

Paul was given many freedoms while in prison  
After a few days Felix returned with Drusilla (a Jewess)  
    They sent for Paul to hear about the faith in Jesus Christ  
    Paul talked to them of righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come  
    Felix was terrified but sent Paul away  
For 2 years Felix continued to see Paul hoping to receive money from him to be released  
Festus replaced Felix as governor and after 3 days Festus went to Jerusalem  
    The High Priest and principal men of the Jews came to Festus about Paul  
    They asked if Paul could be brought to Jerusalem to be put on trial (plotting to kill Paul)  
    Festus said he was returning to Caesarea and they would accuse him there  
On his return Festus called Paul to be judged  
The Jews brought many charges against Paul without proof  
Paul answered that he had done no wrong worthy of death and appealed unto Caesar  
King Agrippa II and Bernice arrived in Caesarea to welcome Festus  
Festus told Agrippa about Paul's case and Agrippa said that he would like to hear Paul  
Festus, Agrippa II, Bernice, The chief captain and principal men of the city were there to hear Paul  
Festus did not know what to charge Paul with when he would deliver him to Caesar  
Paul's defense  
    I am a Pharisee  
    I am now being judged for the hope and promise made of God to our Fathers  
    If God raised the dead why not raise Jesus  
    I myself thought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazereth  
    Paul's conversion was not a small matter  
    I was not disobedient to the heavenly charge  
    I began to teach the Gospel and this is why I am here  
Festus said "Paul your much learning has made you mad"  
I am not mad The King knows of what I speak of for it was not done in secret  
Agrippa said with little persuasion I would become a Christian