

## Paul's Trial

**Bible Text:** Acts chapters 21:18 - 26:32.

In **Acts Chapter 21:18-40** the Jews took hold of Paul and drug him out of the temple. They were beating him and would have killed him if Roman soldiers had not stopped it. The soldiers took Paul into custody. Paul asked to speak to the crowd. In **Chapter 22** he told the crowd that he was a Jew that persecuted the church. He told of his experience on the road to Damascus and how Ananias baptized him. The Jews listened until he told them that God sent him to the Gentiles. They got crazy then and the commander took Paul into the barracks. In **Chapter 23** the commander takes Paul before the chief priests and Jewish council. Paul cleverly divides the Pharisees and the Sadducees causing a great dissension. The commander pulls Paul out and puts him back in the barracks. The Jews form a plot to kill Paul. Forty Jews planned to ambush Paul, but Paul's nephew hears of the plot and tells the commander. Paul is taken to Felix the governor under heavy guard. In **Chapter 24** Tertullus, a lawyer for Ananias the high priest, describes the charges against Paul to Felix. Paul gives his defense. Felix puts them off and Paul ends up in prison for two years. Felix is succeeded by Festus. In **Chapter 25** Festus hears the Jew's case against Paul and Paul's defense where he appeals to Caesar. King Agrippa and his wife Bernice come to Caesarea and want to hear Paul. In **Chapter 26** Paul speaks before Agrippa. He recounts his story and almost persuades Agrippa to become a Christian. Agrippa concludes that Paul should be set free, except that he appealed to Caesar.

### Memory Verse

**Mark 8:36-37** - "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" NKJV

### Questions

1. What did the Jews say Paul had done? (Acts 21:27-29)
2. What about Paul really enraged the Jews? (Acts 21:21,28 22:21-22)
3. What saved Paul from being beaten by the Romans? (Acts 22:25-29)

