

## **LESSON 7: ACTS 24:24:26:30**

### **Defense Before Festus the Governor and King Agrippa**

1. In 24:23-27 we see Paul reasoning with Felix and Drusilla about faith in Christ Jesus. How do you account for Felix's interest in the Word, yet in the end, his rejection of it. Do you think his interest was entirely false? Was he only after money? And finally, why was Paul left in prison?
2. Claudius Lysias, Felix, and Porcius Festus all know that Paul has not broken any Roman law. Why didn't they set him free (v. 9; 27)?
3. Where does Paul draw the line (vv. 10-12, 21)? How does his demand, and Festus' response, fulfill the Holy Spirit's promise from back in 23:11?
4. Examine Paul's argument in verse 11. What does it teach us about Paul's understanding of justice?
5. What is Festus' motive in bringing Paul before King Agrippa (vv. 26-27)? How does Festus think he is going to solve his own problem? What do you make of Festus' summary of the case in v. 19? What is God's motive in bringing Paul before King Agrippa (vv. 26-27; see also Acts 9:15-16)?
6. For what does Paul think that he is being held a prisoner (26:6-7)? How does this question crystallize Paul's defense (26:8)?
7. In what language does the Lord speak (26:14)? Why is this important to Paul's defense?
8. Why does Paul speak so often about his conversion in his many defenses of himself (26:16)? See also 22:15. What kind of an example does this set for you as you witness?
9. In what way is Agrippa on trial (26:26-28)? Do you put pagans on trial when you witness to them?