

Acts 25

LW – Jer 18:6 – As clay/potter’s hand, so are you in my hand!

TW – Return to left Paul/Defense before Gov/Felix in Caesarea

Maps – Paul’s Journeys 1, 2, 3 – Jerusalem, Now in Caesarea

V1-6

1. Festus had replaced Felix – Famous for (V25) Go away, convenient

2. Caesarea (Gov’t Capital) - Jerusalem (Religious Capital) (55 miles)

* Jesus was Rejected in both places!

3. Petitioned...that they could kill him! Religion can be Deadly!!!

4. (V1) Three days...(V6) Ten Days...(24:27) Two Years...

Jeremiah 10:23²³O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Psalms 37:23-24²³The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. ²⁴Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

V7-8

1. Paul is accused of many things, none can be proven!

I Peter 4:12-16 – Don’t think it a strange thing-If you are reproached

V9-12

1. (V10b) Paul maintains his innocence

2. V11 – Paul willing to accept consequences if guilty!

Job 31 – If I have walked...If my step...If my heart...If...

3. I appeal to Caesar...You have appealed to Caesar...Caesar/Go!

* Out of the Blue? For Perspective – Need to look in Past & Future

Acts 19:21²¹When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.”

Acts 23:11¹¹But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”

* Prison Epistles – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

* God’s timing is Great, He is a Great God!

V13-22

1. King Agrippa (II) & Bernice

* See “Herod’s of the Bible”

2. V19 – Religion (Jews) vs. (Paul) Jesus!

* Jews - Questions against him about their Religion (KJVsuperstition)

Acts 17:22²²Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

* Paul – All about Jesus, whom Paul affirmed to be alive!

3. Centrality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from dead!

Mark 12:27²⁷He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken.”

Romans 8:11¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

2 Corinthians 4:14¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

1 Peter 1:3-5³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

“The resurrection is the heart of the Gospel, the cross has no power, no meaning if Christ did not rise from the dead!” (Pastor Chuck)

Romans 10:9⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

V23-27 – Cliffhanger for Acts 26!