

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *23:12* That the leaders of Israel went to the trial 65 miles away in person showed how serious a threat Paul posed to them.
- 2) *23:14* The Jewish leaders pledged an oath not only to not eat again in this life but also to be damned in the next should they fail to kill Paul.
- 3) *23:24* The Jews charged Paul with a capital crime, and only the procurator had jurisdiction.
- 4) Ever since Satan was defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection, his alternate effort has been to silence those who belong to the Kingdom.
- 5) *23:29* Lysias' official report made the same conclusion reached by all the officials right up to Paul's appeal to Caesar..."no accusation deserving death or imprisonment."
- 6) *24:5-6* Three charges were brought against Paul:
 - He was a pest who stirred up trouble across the entire civilized world.
 - He was a leader of the Christians (implying that the entire community was dangerous).
 - He violated the temple.
- 7) *24:13* Paul answered the first charge by stating that the Jews would not be able to give any proof that would stand up in court.
- 8) *24:14-15* Paul defended the second charge by witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus.
- 9) *24:19* Paul responded to the third charge by objecting to the fact that his accusers were nowhere to be found.
- 10) *24:21* Paul was on trial for nothing less than what he knew to be true... that Jesus is alive and coming again.

- 11) *24:22* Felix could not reach a decision and formally adjourned the trial.
- 12) *24:23* Paul was not put in the common jail or kept in close confinement. He had limited freedom in the palace, chained to a soldier.
- 13) *24:25* For a second time, Felix came under conviction about Jesus but could not handle the reality of it.
- 14) *24:25* Procrastination is the thief of souls.
- 15) From this passage several important lessons emerge:
 - Hostility toward the gospel (John 15:18–25)
 - Sovereignty of God in human affairs
 - Believer's proper relationship to government (Romans 13:1)

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