

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *26:24* Festus did not really think Paul was crazy, for who would send a raving lunatic to the emperor? Paul's words had found their mark, and Festus was trying to escape.
- 2) *26:26* The content of Paul's defense was directly targeted at the Jewish king. Agrippa knew the 'hope' in the resurrection; He knew the Scriptures.
- 3) *26:27* If Agrippa believed the prophets and they pointed to Christ, then why not believe that Jesus was the Messiah?
- 4) *26:28* Agrippa was stuck in a quandary: Admitting his belief in the prophets was equivalent to acknowledging Jesus as Messiah. This would make him look foolish before his Roman dignitaries, yet denying it would outrage his Jewish subjects.
- 5) Paul had before him a man who was rich, powerful, and intelligent, yet was lacking what everyone needs...a relationship with his Creator.
- 6) *26:28* Felix avoided dealing with the issue by putting Paul in prison for 2 years (procrastinator).
Festus avoided the issue by accusing Paul of being crazy (excuse maker).
King Agrippa avoided the issue by assuming a superior attitude (arrogant).
- 7) *26:29* Paul's desire was that not only Agrippa would become a believer, but also everyone in the auditorium.
- 8) *26:32* For Festus to stop the appeal process would have been an affront to the emperor and an implicit admission of his own clumsiness in allowing the process to be set in motion.

- 9) We know what Agrippa did not...God wanted Paul in Rome (Acts 23:11).

GREEK WORDS

Parrēsiazomai (par-hray-see-ad'-zom-ahee)—to be frank in utterance, or confident in spirit and demeanor :- (wax) bold, (preach, speak) boldly

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