

## Acts 25:1-27

### “Paul and the Jews - Part IV”

#### Summary

- Paul is tried before Festus
- Paul appeals again to Caesar

#### Outline

- I. Festus arrived to his new post and visits Jerusalem - vs. 1
- II. The Jews want to lay a trap for Paul - vs. 2-3
- III. Festus wants a proper trial for Paul back in Caesarea - vs. 4-5
- IV. The trial before Festus - vs. 6-9
  - A. The Jew's charges - vs. 7
  - B. Paul's defense - vs. 8
  - C. Festus suggest going to Jerusalem to face a Jewish trial - vs. 9
- V. Paul appeals to Caesar - vs. 10-12
- VI. Festus consults with Agrippa - vs. 13-22
  - A. Festus' explanation - vs. 14-21
  - B. Agrippa agrees to hear Paul, being more familiar with Jewish religion - vs. 22
- VII. Paul before Agrippa - vs. 23-27
  - A. The ceremony - vs. 23
  - B. Festus' preliminary remarks - vs. 24-25
  - C. The purpose - to ascertain the charges to pass the case along to Caesar - vs. 26-27
- VIII. TO BE CONTINUED....

## Notes

#### Festus

- Festus Hagen was a deputy sheriff in Dodge City.... wait, wrong Festus!
- Porcius Festus
- Roman Procurator of Judea from about A.D. 59 to 62
- Replaced Felix after he was recalled to Roman after many complaints
- Worked diligently to suppress growing rebellion among the Jews
- Died while in office

#### Agrippa

- Marcus Julius Agrippa (often called Agrippa II)
- Son of Agrippa I (see Acts 12) and great-grandson of Herod the Great
- Ruled various areas from 48 A.D. until death around 92 or 100 A.D.
- Had the right to oversee the Temple, including appointment of the High Priest
- Accused of incestuous relationship with sister Berenice
- Died with no children and was the last of the Herodian rulers
- Like many Herodian rulers, he had respect among the Jews and seems to have followed enough of their religion to be counted as a Jew

#### Appealing to Caesar

- Right of a Roman citizen to appeal his case to Caesar
- Protects the Roman citizen from unjust trial and punishment
- The appellant is sent to Rome with a letter explaining the case