

44 – PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE FELIX (23:34-24:27)

I. The Initial Questioning (23:34-35)

A. The question of Paul's origins (23:34a)

- After reading the commander's letter, the governor asked Paul _____.

B. The call for his accusers (23:34b-35)

- After hearing that Paul was from Cilicia, he decides to hear Paul when _____.

II. The Case Against Paul (24:1-9)

A. The accusers (24:1)

- After five days, the High Priest and the elders appeared with _____.

B. The case presented (24:2-9)

1. The flattering of Felix (24:2-4)

- Tertullus begins his presentation of the accusations against Paul by _____.
- He expressed thanksgiving for the peace and prosperity brought by _____.

2. The accusations (24:5-6a)

a. Leader of the Nazarenes (24:5)

- He accused Paul of creating dissension among all Jews as _____.

b. Profaner of the Temple (24:6a)

- He accused Paul of _____.

3. Paul's arrest and Roman intervention (24:6b-7)

- He stated that the Jews arrested Paul to try him before _____.

4. The case before Felix (24:8)

- They were commanded to appear before Felix, who will _____.

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5. The Jewish leaders testimony (24:9)

- The Jewish leaders agreed with Tertullus by _____.

III. Paul's Defense (24:10-21)

A. Acknowledgement of Felix's Understanding (24:10)

- Because Felix understands as a judge of the nation, Paul will _____.

B. Concerning the validity of their accusations (24:11-13)

- Paul points out that it has only been twelve days since he _____.
- He stresses that they did not find him _____.
- They cannot prove the things that _____.

C. Paul's confession as a Christian (24:14-16)

- He acknowledges that he worships God according the Way and _____.

D. Concerning the accusations (24:17-21)

- He was discovered in the Temple by a mob, worshipping God and _____.
- He expresses that he is being accused because of _____.

IV. The Proceedings Delayed (24:22-27)

A. Felix's order (24:22-23)

- Felix ordered the proceedings delayed and Paul held until _____.

B. Paul's private discussion with Felix (24:24-25)

- In a private meeting, Felix grew fearful as he and his wife heard _____.

C. Felix's delay (24:26-27)

- The proceedings were delayed for two years as Felix hoped for _____.