

The Book of Acts

LESSON TWENTY-FIVE

Acts 25:1-27

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark text if it will aid your study.

Acts 25:1-5

¹Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem,

²where the chief priests and Jewish leaders appeared before him and presented the charges against Paul.

³They urgently requested Festus, as a favor to them, to have Paul transferred to Jerusalem, for they were preparing an ambush to kill him along the way.

⁴Festus answered, "Paul is being held at Caesarea, and I myself am going there soon.

⁵Let some of your leaders come with me and press charges against the man there, if he has done anything wrong."

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

25:1 After arriving, Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

25:1 Apathy, corruption and political correctness are not confined to one place.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

25:1 Where have I been surprised to discover apathy, corruption and political correctness?

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2 List the Facts

Acts 25:6-12

⁶After spending eight or ten days with them, he went down to Caesarea, and the next day he convened the court and ordered that Paul be brought before him.

⁷When Paul appeared, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many serious charges against him, which they could not prove.

⁸Then Paul made his defense: “I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar.”

⁹Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there on these charges?”

¹⁰Paul answered: “I am now standing before Caesar’s court, where I ought to be tried. I have not done any wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well.

¹¹If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!”

¹²After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: “You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!”

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4 Listen to His Voice

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Acts 25:13-17

¹³A few days later King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus.

¹⁴Since they were spending many days there, Festus discussed Paul's case with the king. He said: "There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner.

¹⁵When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the Jews brought charges against him and asked that he be condemned.

¹⁶I told them that it is not the Roman custom to hand over any man before he has faced his accusers and has had an opportunity to defend himself against their charges.

¹⁷When they came here with me, I did not delay the case, but convened the court the next day and ordered the man to be brought in.

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Listen to His Voice

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Acts 25:18-22

¹⁸“When his accusers got up to speak, they did not charge him with any of the crimes I had expected.

¹⁹Instead, they had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive.

²⁰I was at a loss how to investigate such matters; so I asked if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem and stand trial there on these charges.

²¹When Paul made his appeal to be held over for the Emperor’s decision, I ordered him held until I could send him to Caesar.”

²²Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear this man myself.” He replied, “Tomorrow you will hear him.”

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Listen to His Voice

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Acts 25:23-27

²³The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience room with the high ranking officers and the leading men of the city. At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

²⁴Festus said: “King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man! The whole Jewish community has petitioned me about him in Jerusalem and here in Caesarea, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

²⁵I found he had done nothing deserving of death, but because he made his appeal to the Emperor I decided to send him to Rome.

²⁶But I have nothing definite to write to His Majesty about him. Therefore I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that as a result of this investigation I may have something to write.

²⁷For I think it is unreasonable to send on a prisoner without specifying the charges against him.”

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Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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