

# The Book of Acts

## *LESSON TWENTY-FOUR*

### *Acts 24:1-27*

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## LESSON TWENTY-FOUR

### 1 Look in His Word

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

*Acts 24:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor.

<sup>2</sup>When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: “We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation.

<sup>3</sup>Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude.

<sup>4</sup>But in order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly.

### 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:*

24:1 Ananias, the elders and a lawyer brought charges against Paul before the governor.

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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:*

24:1 Sometimes the attack on those who present the Gospel is organized and led by respectable community leaders.

### 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:*

24:1 Just because my community leaders are respectable, have I allowed their hostility towards the Gospel to affect the way I share it?

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*Acts 24:5-9*

<sup>5</sup>“We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect

<sup>6</sup>and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him.

<sup>8</sup>By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him.”

<sup>9</sup>The Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true.

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*Acts 24:10-16*

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: “I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense.

<sup>11</sup>You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

<sup>12</sup>My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city.

<sup>13</sup>And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me.

<sup>14</sup>However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,

<sup>15</sup>and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

<sup>16</sup>So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

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*Acts 24:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>“After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings.

<sup>18</sup>I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance.

<sup>19</sup>But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me.

<sup>20</sup>Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin--

<sup>21</sup>unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’”



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*Acts 24:22-27*

<sup>22</sup>Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. “When Lysias the commander comes,” he said, “I will decide your case.”

<sup>23</sup>He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs.

<sup>24</sup>Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.”

<sup>26</sup>At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him.

<sup>27</sup>When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

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**5** 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.*

# NOTES