

## **Paul before the Judgment Seat of Festus & King Agrippa (Acts 25, 26)**

1. Paul Accused of Seditious by the High Priest & elders (23:31-24:1-9)
2. Paul's Defense of the Gospel before Felix (24:10-21)
3. Felix's Verdict – Deferred Adjudication (24:22-27)

### **I. Paul is brought before Festus in Caesarea (25:1-12)**

- Jews desperately try to get Paul handed over to kill him (vv.1-3)
- Jews made many complaints against Paul they couldn't prove (7)
- Paul appeals to Caesar and Festus agrees to send him to Festus (12)

### **II. Paul before Agrippa (25:13-25)**

- Festus recounts to Agrippa *how Paul was accused & came to him* (16-20)
- Festus understands: *Jews hate Paul because he believes Jesus is alive* (20)
- Agrippa decides to hear Paul the next day – Paul is brought in (23)

### **III. Paul's Testimony and Witness before Festus and Agrippa (26)**

- Paul tells Agrippa why he is being accused – *his hope is that of Israel* (6,7)
- Paul recounts his hatred of the Christians before his conversion (6-8)
- Paul recounts *his conversion and his current ministry to that point* (9-23)

### **IV. Festus and Agrippa – Weighed in the Scales (vv.24-23)**

- Festus: Paul's a mad man. Agrippa: Paul, you almost persuade me
- God's Wisdom and sovereign Protection of Paul.
- No.1 reason the world hates the gospel and your witness: Resurrection
- How will you judge the Gospel and be judged?