

## Acts 26

### • Exposition

#### Introduction v1-3

1. How did we come to this point?
  - a. When Festus took over, approximately 2 years after Paul initially appeared before Felix, Felix did not pardon Paul, but left him in prison still.
  - b. Festus re-examines Paul in 25:1-12
  - c. Paul appealed to Caesar...but this leaves Festus in a predicament.
  - d. He doesn't really know what to tell Caesar about this man.
    1. He knew what Felix passed along to him
    2. He knew what he heard from Paul
    3. But he didn't really have anything clear to communicate about why Paul is coming to appeal his case before him.
2. So, he capitalizes on a visit by King Agrippa in verses 13-27 to have Paul appear one more time in hopes of getting some counsel on what to tell Caesar.

So, Paul tells his story one more time.

#### Before Christ v4-12

#### Meeting Christ v13-18

#### After Christ v19-23

#### Conclusion v24-32

### • Application

#### I. The Master v13-15

1. Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*

- a. All authority
    1. There is not a soul anywhere that has **more** authority **than** Him
    2. There is not a soul anywhere who has **any** authority **without** Him
    3. John 19:10-11 *"You could have no power at all unless it had been given you from above"*
  - b. Where does He have this authority?
    1. In heaven and on earth
    2. There is nowhere that He is not in authority
  - c. Nothing falls outside of the jurisdiction of Jesus Christ
2. Jesus, the resurrected Lord 25:19

## II. The Mission v16-17

1. **To Serve** a minister

2. **To Share** witness

a. What you have seen and will see

b. Acts 22:15 *For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.*

c. Acts 1:8 *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth*

3. **Be Sent** go, go, go

a. Matthew 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*

b. Mark 16:15 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

c. Luke 24:45-48 *Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*

d. John 20:21 *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you*

e. Acts 1:8 *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth*

## III. The Motive v18

The motive is not to take a gospel dump and move on, but to persuade!

1. Open eyes....with the Scripture

2. Turn People

a. From darkness to light

b. From the power of Satan to God

3. That they might be forgiven and adopted

Acts 26:28-29

## IV. The Message v19-20

1. Turn

2. Trust

3. Transform