

The Apostle Paul and the Hired Gun Lawyer before Governor Felix **NO PEARLS BEFORE SWINE !!!**

Acts 24:1 After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders, with an attorney named Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul.

2 After Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying to the governor, "Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation,

3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing.

5 For we have found this man a real ~~pest~~ **plague** and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the ~~sect~~ **cult** of the Nazarenes.

6 And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him.

~~We wanted to judge~~ We **tried to adjudicate** him according to our own Law.

7-8 But Lysias ~~the commander~~ the **chiliarch** came along, and with much violence took him out of our hands, ordering his accusers to come before you. By examining him yourself concerning all these matters you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him."

9 The Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

10 When the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded: "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,

11 since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

12 Neither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or causing a riot.

13 Nor can they prove to you the charges of which they now accuse me.

14 But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call ~~a sect~~ a **cult** I do serve the God of our fathers,

believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;

15 having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

17 Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings;

18 - 19 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar. But there were some Jews from Asia-
who ought to have been present before you and to make accusation, if they should have anything against me.

20 Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before the Council,

21 other than for this one statement which I shouted out while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.'"

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves."

Luke 16:8 And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

Matthew 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to ~~dogs~~ **wild jackals**, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

22 But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the **chiliarch** comes down, I will decide your case."

23 Then he gave orders to the centurion for him to be kept in **protective** custody and yet have some freedom, and not to prevent any of his friends from ministering to him.