

Paul on Trial: Felix  
Acts 24:1-27  
April 30, 2023

Story: Trial before Felix

- Prosecution begins
  - 2-4 Battering up the judge
  - 5 Accusation #1 – Paul is a troublemaker.
  - 5 Accusation #2 – Paul is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect.
  - 6 Accusation #3 – Paul violated the Temple.
  - 8-9 Recommendation – Cross-examine and indict!
- Paul's defense
  - 10 Paul begins – Recognizes the authority of the judge
  - 11-13 Response #1 – “Stirring up resurrection”
    - Paul has no history of inciting the Jews plus there is no proof.
  - 14-16 Response #2 – “Ringleader of Nazarene sect.”
    - Paul uses the opportunity to speak positively of the group.
  - 17-21 Response #3 – “Desecrated the Temple”
    - 17-18 Paul was in the Temple for purification rites.
    - 19 Paul notes that those Jews aren't present.
    - 20-21 Paul mentions the Sanhedrin trial.
- Felix's Indecision
  - 22-23 Response – Proceedings adjourned.
    - Felix refused to grant a verdict.
- Felix's Indecision, pt. 2
  - 24-26 Next Meeting: Felix & Drusilla
    - Felix heard all he could – and dismissed Paul.
  - Felix was waiting for a bribe to release Paul.
- Felix's indecision, pt. 3
  - Felix detained Paul for two years – and left him behind.

Keys:

- Sanhedrin – Deliberate Rejection of the Truth
- Felix – Indecision
- Paul – Faithfulness/ Trust

Application:

- Sanhedrin: Guard your emotional well-being.
- Felix: Are you struggling with indecision about Jesus? Take a step today.
- Paul: Do you feel stuck? Trust God and remain faithful.