

## **Paul before Felix, Governor of Caesarea (Acts 23:31-24:27)**

- ⌚ Last Sunday we considered in Acts 22:24-23:1-22
- 1. God's providence in Paul's Roman Citizenship (22:24-26)
- 2. God's providence for Paul before the Sanhedrin (22:30-23:1-10)
- 3. God's providence for Paul uncovering the plot against Paul (23:11-22)

### **I. Paul Accused of Sedition by the High Priests & Elders (23:31-24:1-9)**

- a. *Paul held in the Praetorium*: Jesus was tortured there (Matt 27:26-31)
- b. *Paul accused by the elders, high priest, and the orator Tertullus* (vv.1-9)
- ⌚ Felix – governor of Caesarea – slave became freedman – a violent man

### **II. Paul's Defense of the Gospel before Felix (24:10-21)**

- 1. Paul sets the record straight: vv.5 & vv.11-12
- 2. Then Paul addresses why they really hate him: vv 14-16
  - a. Paul makes his good confession of faith
  - b. Paul's hope in God in the resurrection is their hope
  - c. Paul's hope led him to a holy life, a conscience void of offence

### **III. Felix's Verdict – Deferred Adjudication (24:22-27)**

- ⌚ He is intrigued and allows Paul to preach to him and his Jewish wife.
- ⌚ Fearful & wants money from Paul; leaves him bound to please the Jews
  - 1. The accusations of the Jews
  - 2. Paul's hope in the Gospel
  - 3. Felix's sin and rejection of the Gospel