

## “PAUL’S DEFENSE BEFORE FESTUS”

1. Who’s your favorite TV lawyer or judge? Why?  

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2. When a substitute parent, teacher, or boss came on the scene, how did/do you act?  

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3. Two years has passed since the trial before Felix (24:27). Why hasn't the opposition to Paul by the Jewish leaders dissipated during this time?  

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4. Paul has come a long way since the events of 9:1-2. What irony do you see in that? How could 9:1-2 also account in part for their animosity?  

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5. How is Paul like a pawn to these Roman officials (v.9; see 24:27)? How might this account for his decision to appeal to Caesar?  

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6. What do you do when you feel that no matter what you say, you will not really be heard by another person?  

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7. What was one circumstance that threatened to ambush you in your spiritual life? How did you deal with it?  

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8. If someone wanted to prove you were a Christian, what evidence from this past week could they use?  

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9. Who is the first person you turn to when you want good advice?  

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10. If you could be king or queen for a day, what new law would you enact?  

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11. How fair is Festus in describing the case? How much does he seem to know about Judaism? About Christianity? How would this have affected any decision he would have made in the case? Do you think he is honestly trying to find the truth in this matter? Why?  

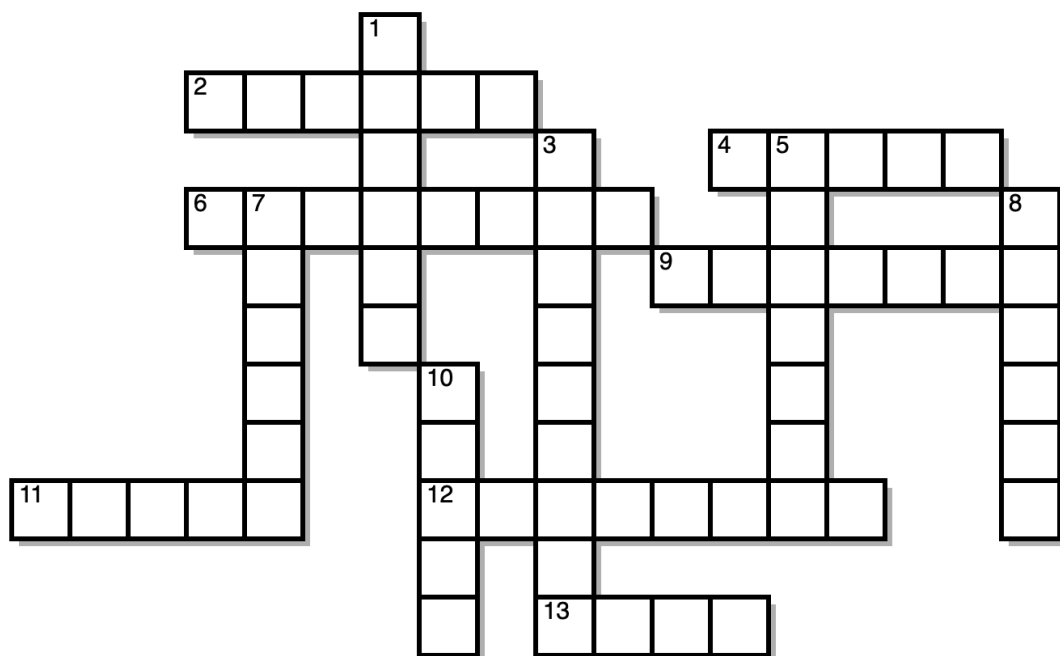
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12. This Agrippa was the son of the Herod in 12:1-23. Why would he be especially interested in hearing from Paul?  

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13. When you have questions about your faith, to whom do you turn? Why? How else do you seek input?  

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**Across**

- 2 Festus said "it was not the custom of the \_\_\_\_\_ to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face" (25:16).  
 4 Festus wanted to do the Jews a \_\_\_\_\_ (25:9).  
 6 In what city is Paul being kept?  
 9 What is the name of the king's consort/sister (25:13)?  
 11 If Paul deserves it, he is willing to face \_\_\_\_\_ (25:11).  
 12 Paul says "I am standing before Caesar's \_\_\_\_\_, where I bought to be tried." (25:10)  
 13 Who was Caesar at this time?

**Down**

- 1 Not wanting to be handed over to the Jews, Paul appeals to whom (25:11)?  
 3 For a time, Agrippa's consort/wife had been the mistress of Emperor \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5 What is the name of the king who arrives to Caesarea?  
 7 The chief priests and principal men of the Jews were planning an \_\_\_\_\_ to kill Paul (25:3).  
 8 The last name of the governor who replaced Felix.  
 10 After being the mistress of an Emperor, Agrippa's wife then became the mistress of his son \_\_\_\_\_, but always returned to her incestuous relationship with her brother, which was the talk of Rome.

**WORD SEARCH:**

Festus	Wrongdoer
Jerusalem	Appeal
Priests	Agrippa
Jews	Bernice
Case	Drusilla
Summon	Caesarea
Kill	Condemna-
Charges	tion
Seat	Romans
Tribunal	Accusers
Defense	Dispute
Temple	Religion
Caesar	Jesus
Tried	Investigate

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