

# The Worst Mistake Ever: Dissing the Gospel

Trial 1 Before Felix Acts 24 Chris Mueller 10-11-2020 (the year of COVID-19)

Introduction:

## #1 The PROSECUTION - A F \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ 24:1-9

Day 1—arrived in Jerusalem, 21:17  
Day 2—visited James, 21:18  
Day 3—visited the temple, 21:26  
Days 4, 5, and 6—in the temple with the vow upon him  
Day 7—arrested in the temple, 21:27  
Day 8—before the Council, 22:30–23:10  
Day 9—the Jews' plot to kill Paul and Paul's trip to Caesarea, 23:12–31  
Day 10—presented to Felix, 23:32–35  
Days 11 and 12—waiting at Caesarea  
Day 13—the hearing before Felix

1<sup>st</sup> Seditious

2<sup>nd</sup> Sectarianism

John 1:46 *Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sacrilege

## #2 The DEFENSE – A F \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ 24:10-21

John 5:23 *He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*

Daniel 12:2 *Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.*

## #3 The VERDICT – A F \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ 24:22-27

Righteousness

Self-Control

Judgment

Hebrews 10:26 *For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.*

TAKE HOME:

1 - Will you be like Felix and miss your \_\_\_\_\_ to turn to Christ?

2 - Will you be like Paul and stand firm on \_\_\_\_\_, even when all oppose you?

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What can we learn from the way Paul shared the Gospel with Felix and how should it change the way we share the Gospel?
2. What was so tragic about Felix's response to Paul?
3. What should change about the way we face persecution and how can we become bolder like Paul in sharing the Gospel?



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