

ACTS 25-26

PAUL'S COURT APPEARANCES

Chapter 25 Paul Appeals To Caesar

Summary: The Jews ask Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem to face charges (1-3). Festus instead has Paul arraigned before them at Caesarea. They make many baseless complaints against Paul (4-7). Faced with Festus' request that he go to Jerusalem, Paul appeals to Caesar, and Festus grants the appeal (8-12). Later Festus entertains King Agrippa and tells him of Paul's case (13-21). Agrippa desires to hear Paul. Festus arranges a hearing, hoping to specify charges for Caesar (22-27).

Lesson: *Paul fulfills Jesus' promise of testifying to others (Mt. 10:18-20).*

Chapter 26 Paul Gives His Testimony

Summary: Paul describes his early life as an ardent Jewish Pharisee, persecuting many Christians (1-11). He recounts his conversion to Jesus, and his commission to share Him with Jews and Gentiles (12-18). He relates his life after conversion, obeying the commission, and being assaulted in the temple (19-23). Agrippa parries Paul's challenge to receive Jesus and comments on his innocence (24-32).

Lesson: *Paul gives his testimony whenever possible; we should also.*