

• LESSON 11 (December 18) •
Acts 24:1-26:32 • Paul Makes His Defense

1. Take a moment to reflect on Paul's description of himself and his faith in Acts 24:14-16. What is he communicating?
2. Luke informs us that Felix had "a rather accurate knowledge of the Way" (24:22). What does this mean?
3. Of all the things that Paul could focus on in his opportunity before Felix, why highlight "righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment" (24:25)?
4. Is there anything we can learn from what Luke documents in Acts 24:25-27?
5. What can we learn about Paul from his self-description in Acts 26:4-5 and 26:9-23? Is there anything he references that you didn't previously know?
6. "And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day" (26:6-7). What does Paul mean by this reference?
7. "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (26:8). Why was this a powerful question?
8. In what way had "the prophets and Moses" been pointing to the Christ all along (26:22-23)?
9. What do you make of Paul's assertion in Acts 26:25-27?
10. Why do you think Luke is taking so much time and space to record these appearances of Paul before Felix, Festus, and Agrippa?