

# \*ACTS

The Continuing Work of Jesus

“he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

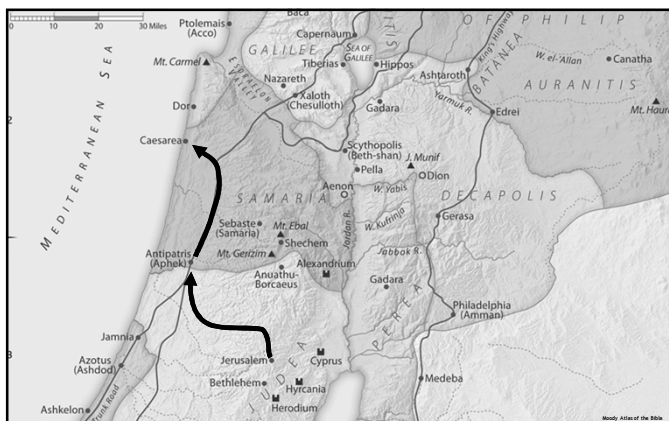
– Jesus (Acts 9:15-16)

## \*Acts 22-26

Before Kings and Governors

Acts 22-26 teaches...

1. Christianity faces significant, unjust opposition
2. Christianity is no civil threat to just government
3. Christianity is the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel (not an aberrant sect)
4. God’s providence in the progress of the gospel



## Paul Before Felix

1. Paul’s Accusers
  - charged Paul with promoting sedition and unrest
  - charged Paul with leading an illegal “sect”
  - charged Paul with trying to defile the temple

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### 2. Paul's Defense

- no evidence of Paul inciting a riot
- "the Way" is not a sect but the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets
- Paul did not defile the temple in any manner

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### 3. Paul's Witness

- a) His message: *faith in Christ Jesus*
- righteousness
  - self-control
  - judgment to come

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#### b) Felix's response

- initial conviction yet procrastination
- competing desires trumped gospel conviction