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The Continuing Work of Jesus

“...an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. ³These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me.

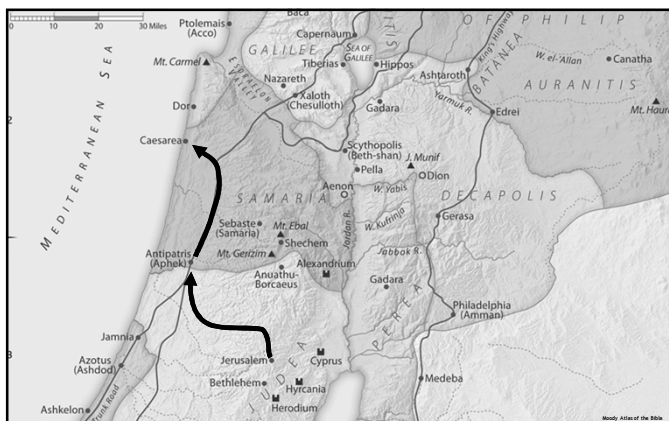
– Jesus (John 16:2-3)

Acts 22-26 teaches...

1. Christianity faces significant, unjust opposition
2. Christianity is no threat to civil 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

*Acts 25:1-22

Before Kings and Governors (pt 2)



Paul Before Festus

1. The intense opposition to Paul, the Christian
 - intense hatred and persecution of Christians is often by those who are zealous for “God”
 - zeal for “God” that is not according to the truth produces hatred, violence and hypocrisy

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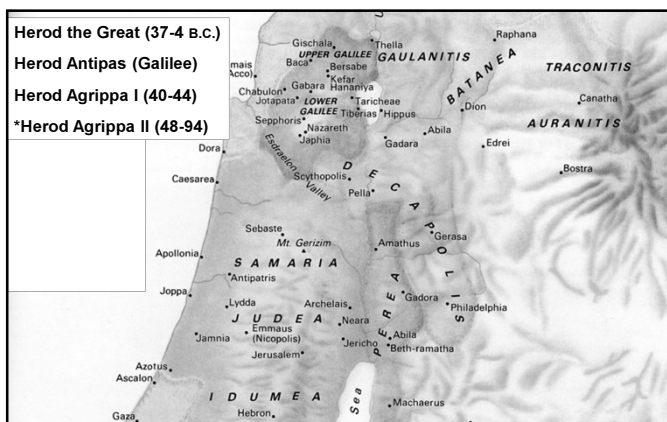
2. An unusual means of gospel advancement

- Paul's appeal to Caesar becomes the means of him testifying to the gospel in Rome
- God is fulfilling His purpose for Paul by protecting him from injustice and transporting him "safely" to Rome

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3. A judge's tragic misjudgment

Q: *Who was King Agrippa?*



Paul Before Festus

3. A judge's tragic misjudgment

- Festus dismissed the claim of the resurrection of Jesus as trivial and irrelevant
- The claim of Jesus' resurrection is the most significant claim in history!