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The Continuing Work of Jesus

¹²“...they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. ¹³ It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.

¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵ for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

– *Jesus (Luke 21:12-15)*

²³ So, on the next day when Agrippa came together with Bernice amid great pomp, and entered the auditorium accompanied by the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

(Acts 25:23)

...the Lord stood at his side and said, “Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.”

– *Jesus (Acts 23:11)*

* Acts 26:1-32

Before Kings and Governors (pt. 3)

A Compelling Testimony

1. Paul’s former manner of life

- he was devoted to Judaism as a strict Pharisee
- as a strict Pharisee, he was the chief persecutor of followers of Jesus

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2. Paul's dramatic conversion

- his conversion to faith in Jesus was entirely unexpected and otherwise inexplicable
- his conversion was instantaneous, irresistible and life changing



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3. Paul's faithfulness to the Jewish hope

- the resurrection of Jesus is the fulfillment of the hope of the promise given by God to Israel
- faith in the risen Christ Jesus is not a departure from Judaism but a fulfillment of it

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"Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?"