

# Understand your Bible

## Suggested notes

### Acts 24

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- Details of Paul's trial with Felix

#### 1 Read the chapter

#### 2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

*Note that from v 7, WEBBE version verse numbers are one behind most other versions.*

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 8 (1 to 9 in most versions)	1. Who came to put the Jews' case and what did he accuse Paul of?	Tertullus, an orator, came to put the Jews' case. He accused Paul of being a plague, of instigating Jewish insurrections, of being ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes and profaning the temple.
9 to 12 (10 to 13 in most versions)	2. What did Paul say in response to the Jews' accusation about his recent past?	Paul said they couldn't prove any of their accusations. He pointed out that he was in the temple worshipping less than 12 days ago and he wasn't causing any trouble.
13 to 21 (14 to 22 in most versions)	3. What did Paul say he admitted to and believed?	He admitted that he believed the law and the prophets, which the Jews also believed, and that there would be a resurrection of the dead.
22 (23 in most versions)	4. What did Felix do after hearing the evidence?	He kept Paul in prison, but allowed his friends to come and see him.
23 to 25 (24 to 26 in most versions)	5. What subsequent contact did Felix have with Paul and what was his reaction?	After a few days he came with his Jewish wife to hear what Paul had to say about faith in Jesus Christ. Felix was terrified by what Paul said, but kept him in prison hoping for bribes from Paul for his release.

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26 (27 in most versions)	6. What happened after two years?	Porcius Festus took over from Felix, who left Paul in prison to please the Jews.

### 3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Paul considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 24.

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Bible verse(s)	Suggested note(s)
v 13 (v 14 most versions)	Paul worships the God of the Jews and believes what is written in their law and prophets.
v 14 (v 15 most versions)	He holds the Jewish hope, believing in the resurrection of just and unjust.
v 15 (v 16 most versions)	He has a clear conscience regarding his relationship to God and other people.