

## Acts 24

### Paul Tells His Story. What Would You Say?

Paul is on trial before Felix in Jerusalem. He is asked to defend himself. When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that, for a number of years, you have been a judge over this nation; so, I gladly make my defense. You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. So, I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

"After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"



Photo: If we had to stand before others and tell about our walk with God, what would we say?

### Every Day with God

Suppose you and I were on trial and we were asked to give a personal testimony of our faith. What would we say? Paul said he was on trial because he of the "resurrection of the dead." In other words, he was hoping that others could see and understand what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He was hoping that others would believe in Jesus and be saved. If we were on trial for our life, what would we say?

**Prayer:** Jesus, teach me to say to others, "Jesus is the resurrection and the life".