

Facing Danger

Acts 25:1-12

A. The Chief Priests Request a Trial in Jerusalem. 25:1-5

1. _____ travels from Caesarea to Jerusalem. 1
2. Chief priests bring _____ against Paul. 2
3. They request Paul be tried in _____. 3a
4. Their planned _____. 3b
5. Festus replies. 4-5
 - a. _____ is in custody in Caesarea. 4a
 - b. _____ is returning to Caesarea. 4b
 - c. "Come with me to Caesarea for a _____." 5

B. The Decisionless Trial. 25:6-8

1. The time frame. 6a
2. The return to Caesarea. 6b
3. Festus sat on the tribunal (*bema*). 6c
4. The charges of the religious leaders. 7
 - a. I _____
 - b. Multiple _____
 - c. No _____
5. The rebuttal of Paul. v. 8 – He has given no offense
 - a. Against the _____
 - b. Against the _____
 - c. Against the _____

C. Festus Proposes a Change of Venue for the Trial. 25:9

1. Festus' motivation – wishing to do the Jews a _____.
2. Festus' request of Paul – "Are you willing to stand trial in _____?"

D. Paul is Forced to Appeal to Caesar. 25:10-11

1. His appeal: _____ tribunal (*bema*). 10
2. His _____ of wrong-doing.
3. His charge of _____.

4. His willingness to _____ if guilty. 11
5. His complete _____.
6. His refusal to be handed over to the Jews.
7. "I appeal to _____!"

E. Festus Grants Paul's Appeal to Caesar. 25:12

1. His conference with his advisors.
2. His acknowledgment of Paul's appeal.
3. His granting of the appeal: "To _____ you shall go."

F. What we Christians need to know as we ourselves face danger. 2 Cor. 11:23-28

1. Be aware of the many dangers from which God delivered Paul.
 - a. I _____
 - b. Beaten countless times
 - 1) _____ times – _____ lashes
 - 2) _____ times – beaten with rods
 - c. Stoned _____
 - d. _____ times – shipwrecked; a night and a day in the ocean
 - e. Dangers from _____
 - f. Dangers from _____
 - g. _____ nights
 - h. Often without _____
 - i. Facing _____ and _____
2. God will walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death. Psalm 23:4-5a
3. The LORD provides _____. Psalm 12:5
4. No danger can separate us from Jesus' _____! Romans 8:35, 38-39
5. Since God is our refuge, we must not _____. Psalm 46:1-3
6. Since the LORD provides safety, we can _____ at night. Psalm 4:8

Whenever we face _____, we can _____ at night, because God is the one who keeps us _____.

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 - b. Against the Temple
 - c. Against the Roman Government

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 - b. Beaten countless times
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 - 2) 3 times – beaten with rods
 - c. Stoned once
 - d. 3 times – shipwrecked; a night and a day in the ocean
 - e. Dangers from rivers
 - f. Dangers from robbers
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