



The resurrection of the just and the unjust

Acts 23:23 - 24:21 (Caesarea)



And he called two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at the third hour of the night. And provide animals, so that they may set Paul on them and bring him to Felix the governor. And he wrote a letter in this way: Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, greetings. This man was taken by the Jews and would have been killed by them. Then I came with an army and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

Acts 23:23-27

And being minded to know the charge for which they accused him, I brought him down to their sanhedrin; whom I found be accused of questions of their law, and having no charge worthy of death or of bonds. And it being revealed to me that a plot against the man was about to be executed by the Jews, I immediately sent him to you, commanding his accusers also to say before you what they had against him. Farewell. Then, indeed, taking up Paul, as it was commanded them, the soldiers brought him by night to Antipatris. And on the next day they left the horsemen to go with him and returned to the fortress.

Acts 23:28-32

And when they had come to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul before him also. And when the governor had read the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that he was from Cilicia, he said, I will hear you when your accusers have also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

Acts 23:33-35

And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders and with a certain orator, Tertullus, who made a statement to the governor against Paul. And being called, Tertullus began to accuse, saying, Since we enjoy great quietness by you, and very worthy deeds are done to this nation due to your forethought, in everything and everywhere, most noble Felix, we accept with all thankfulness. But that I not hinder you further, I beseech you to hear us briefly in your fairness.

Acts 24:1-4

For we have found this man pestilent, and moving rebellion among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes, who also attempted to profane the temple, whom we took and would have judged according to our Law. But the chiliarch Lysias came with much force, taking him away out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him, you yourself may know about all these things of which we accuse him. And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

Acts 24:5-9

But the governor motioning to him to speak, Paul answered; Understanding you as being a judge of this nation many years, I cheerfully defend myself as to the things concerning myself. You can know that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, nor making a gathering of a crowd; not even in the synagogues, nor throughout the city. Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

Acts 24:10-13

But I confess this to you, that after the Way which they call heresy, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things that are written in the Law and in the Prophets. And I have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. And in this I exercise myself, always to have a blameless conscience toward God and men. And after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation.

Acts 24:14-17

Among which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd nor with tumult. These ought to be present before you and to accuse me, if they have anything against me. Or else let these themselves say if they have found anything unjust in me while I stood before the sanhedrin, unless it may be for this one voice that I cried out standing among them, that concerning a resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today.

Acts 24:18-21