

# I appeal to Ceasar

Acts 25:1-12 (Caesarea)



Then entering the province, after three days Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem. And the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and they begged him asking a favor against him that he would send for him to Jerusalem, making a plot to kill him on way. Then indeed Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea; he himself would depart shortly. Then he said, those having power among you may go down with me. If there is a thing amiss in this man, let them accuse him. And staying among them more than ten days, going down to Caesarea, on the next day sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought. And he having come, the Jews who came down from Jerusalem stood around and brought many charges against Paul, which they could not prove.

Acts 25:1-7

Defending himself, Paul said, Neither against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything. But Festus, wanting to please the Jews, answered Paul and said, Will you go up to Jerusalem and be judged there before me about these things? But Paul said, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. For if I am an offender or have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which these accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar. Then conferring with the sanhedrin, Festus answered, You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go.

Acts 25:8-12

First of all, then, I exhort that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For God is one, and there is one Mediator of God and of men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 Tim 2:1-6