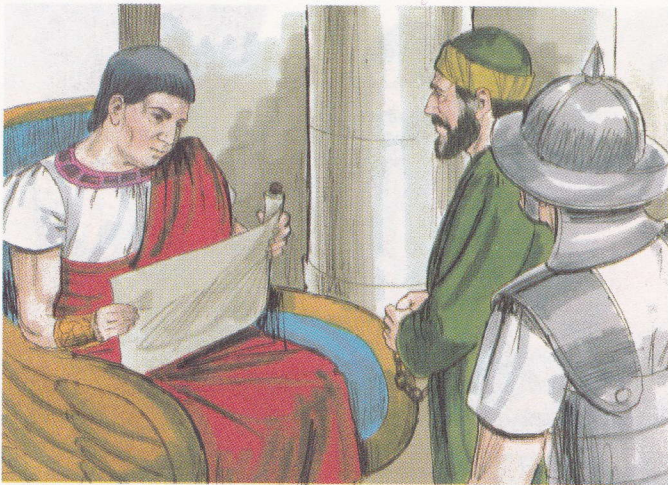


# Paul's Trial Before Felix



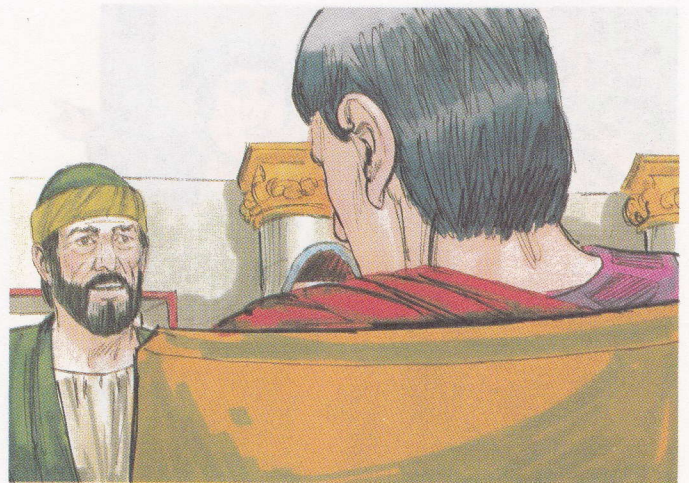
**1** The Roman commander had sent Paul to Governor Felix to save him from an ambush. Five days later the high priest and some of the Jewish leaders came to Caesarea.



**2** One man presented the case against Paul: "This man is a troublemaker. He stirs up riots among the Jews all over the world. He even dishonored the temple."



**3** The other Jewish leaders joined in the accusation. "These things are true!" they said.



**4** Then Paul replied, "My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone in the temple or stirring up crowds in their synagogues. They cannot prove these charges against me."



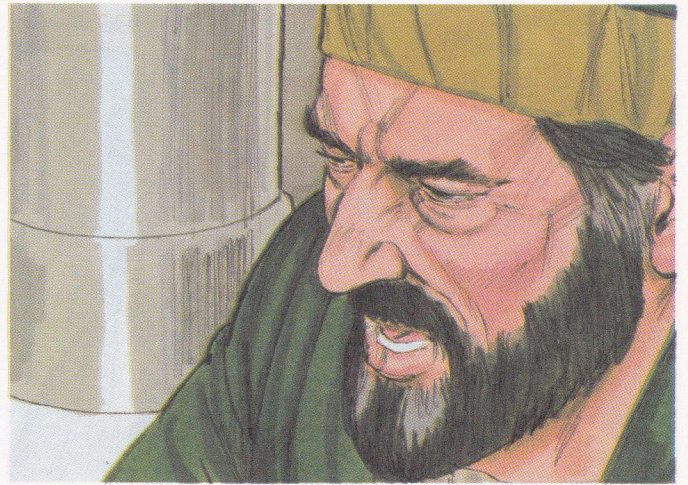
**5** "However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect."



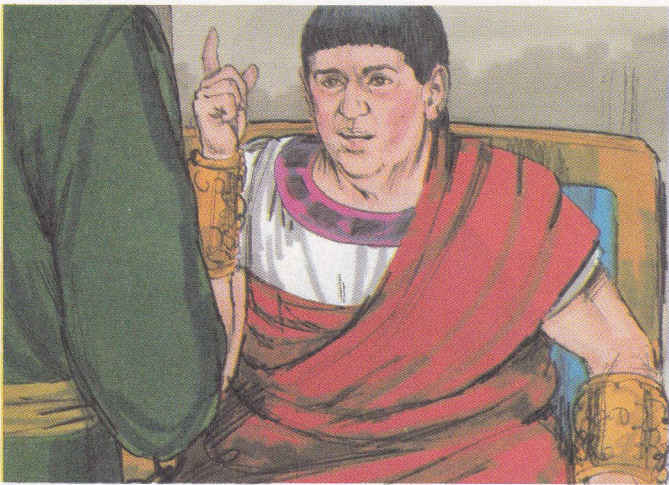
**6** "After being away for several years I came to Jerusalem to bring gifts for the poor. I was presenting an offering in the temple when they found me there."



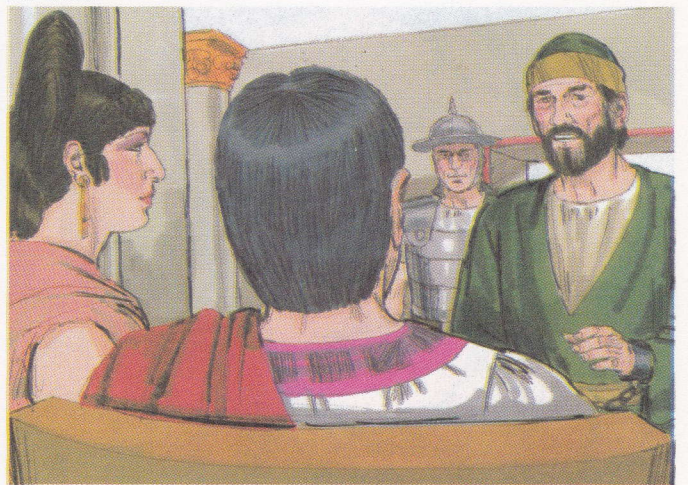
**7** “There was no crowd nor any disturbance. But certain Jews from the province of Asia ought to be here. They should make their charges if they have anything against me.”



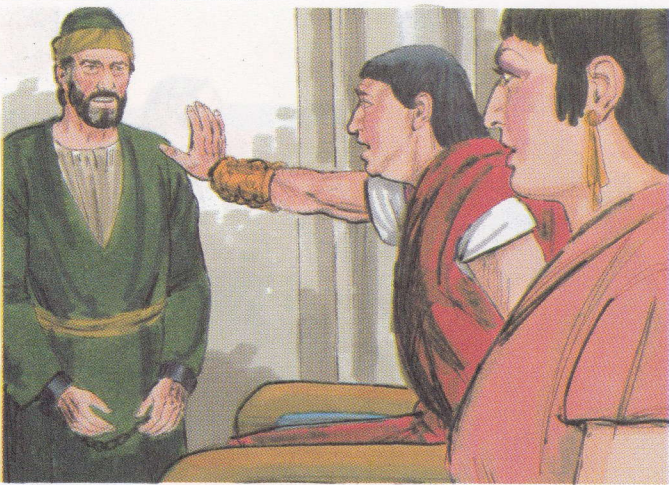
**8** “Or these men here should say what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin. I only said, ‘It is for the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.’”



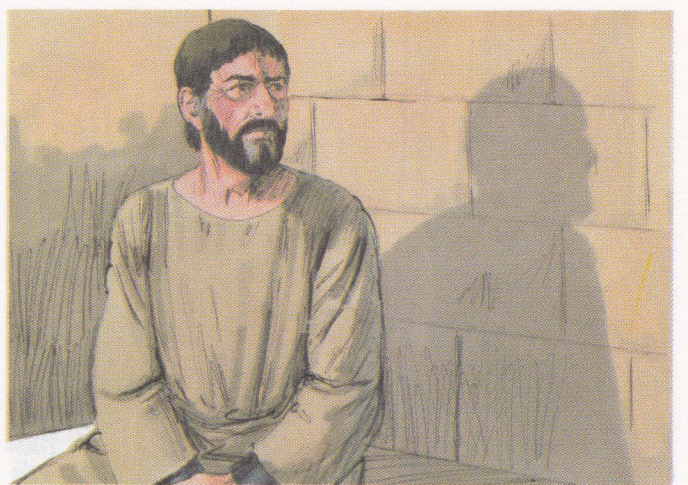
**9** Governor Felix said, “When the Roman commander comes, I will decide your case.” He kept Paul under guard, but he allowed Paul’s friends to come and take care of him.



**10** A few days later, Felix and his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewish woman, sent for Paul. They listened to Paul as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus.



**11** Paul preached about righteousness and self-control and the judgment that is coming. Felix became afraid and said, “That’s enough for now. At a convenient time I will send for you.”



**12** Felix hoped that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he talked to Paul often. When Felix was replaced by a new governor named Festus, he left Paul in prison as a favor to the Jewish leaders.