Acts 24

1 And after five days Ananias the high priest came down with some elders and a certain orator (public speaker, rhetoros, latin-oratore, possibly an advocate or attorney) Tertullus, who made a representation to the governor against Paul.

2 And he having been called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Great peace we are obtaining through you and excellent measures (improvements, rectifications, to thoroughly straighten) are being done to this ethnicity (nation) through your forethought,

3 We gladly accept it always and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 However so that I should not be a hindrance upon you any longer, I entreat you to hear us briefly in your fairness (considerateness, equitableness, latin-clementia-clemency=mercy/lenience).

5 For having found this man a pest and stirring insurrection among all the Jews in the inhabited world and a front-running leader of the sect (latin-sectae-sect, greek word is close to heresy, a self-chosen strong distinctive opinion) of the Nazarenes;

6 Who even attempted to profane the temple, who also we seized. { not in Vulgate and some translations- And according to our law wished to judge.}

7 {not in some translations- not in Vulgate or ESV- However Lysias, the commander, having come up, took him away with much force from out of our hands.}

8 {Commanding his accusers to come to you}; from him you will be able yourself having examined him recognize concerning all these things of which we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also agreed, affirming these things to be so.

10 Then the governor having made a sign to him to speak, Paul answered, Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this ethnicity (nation), I make a defense cheerfully (of good passion) as to the things concerning myself.

11 You being able to recognize that there are not more than twelve days to me from which I went up to worship unto Jerusalem.

12 And neither did they find me dialoguing with anyone in the temple, or making a riotous gathering of a crowd, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city.

13 Nor are they able to prove (stand close beside) to you concerning the things of which they now accuse me.

14 However I confess this to you that according to the Way which they call a sect (possibly heresy), so I serve the God of our fathers, believing all things throughout the law and that have been written in the prophets,

15 Having a hope unto God, which they themselves also await expectedly, that there is about to be a resurrection of the just and of the unjust.

16 In this also I exercise myself to have a conscience without offense toward God and men in everything (all).

17 And through many years I arrived to bring alms unto my ethnicity (nation), and offerings,

18 In which they found me purified in the temple, not with a crowd nor in uproar. However some Jews from Asia,

19 Who ought to appear and to make accusation before (upon) you, if they may have anything against me.

20 Or let them themselves say what unrighteousness they found in me having stood before (upon) the council-

21 Other than concerning this one voice which I cried out standing among them: I am judged this day by (upon) you concerning the resurrection of the dead.

22 And Felix put them off (deferred, postponed), he having more precise (exact, accurate, careful) knowledge of the things concerning the Way, having said, When Lysias the commander might come down, I will examine (thoroughly know, determine) the things as to you,

23 Having ordered the centurion to keep (guard) him and to let him have ease (a loosening, relaxation) and not to forbid his own to serve (support) him.

24 And after some days, Felix having arrived with Drusilla his own wife, being a Jewess, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith unto Christ Jesus.

25 And dialoguing concerning righteousness, and dominion-within (mastery within), and the judgment coming; Felix having become frightened answered, Go away for now; and I will call for you when I have found an opportune time.

26 And at the same time, hoping that money would be given him by Paul, therefore sending for him often, he conversed with him.

27 And two years having been completed, Felix received as a successor, Porcius Festus; and wishing to acquire for himself favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.