

Paul replied "In regard to the Way, which they malign as a sect, I serve and worship the very same God worshipped by our ancestors.

I live in hope that God will raise the dead. If that's my crime, my accusers are just as guilty as I am"

Felix postponed a decision. He met with Paul many times, hoping Paul would offer him a bribe.

Jesus, please help judges to avoid bribery

Chapter 24.27 - 25.12

After two years, Felix was succeeded by Festus. Festus arranged a new trial for Paul. The religious leaders repeated their accusations. Paul repeated his innocence

Festus wanted to gain favor with the leaders, so he said to Paul "Are you willing to go to Jerusalem for a trial with the full council of religious leaders, at which I would preside?"

Paul knew his rights, and stood his ground, not wanting to go to a kangaroo court in Jerusalem. So he invoked his right as a Roman citizen: "I appeal to Caesar".

Festus replied "You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar (Rome) you shall go".

Jesus, give us courage to stand up for our rights