

Before Governors and Kings

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I. Introduction. Text: Acts 25.

II. God's hand worked through Paul's decision to go to Jerusalem through his release from Festus.

- A. Paul is brought before Festus in chains because of his journey to Jerusalem.
- B. However, Paul appeals to the emperor to be tried before Caesar.

III. Paul testifies before Herod Agrippa.

- A. Paul is brought before Herod Agrippa and demonstrates that he was a true Jew in every sense.
- B. He then shares the gospel starting with the problem of humanity—they are blind and living in darkness.

- 1. The power is the widespread lies of Satan.
- 2. The gospel is that God has found a way to forgive sins and give a resource for strength.
- 3. We get this by faith in God.
- 4. Jesus is the only way—He is the only one who has demonstrated credentials to prove what He is all about.

C. Paul pleads with Agrippa that he would become as he is, a Christian—ultimately he did not and faded into history.

Application questions:

1. Should Paul have made the decision to go to Jerusalem in hindsight? Defend your answer.

2. How does the gospel break through spiritual blindness?

3. What does the end of Agrippa suggest about the way nonbelievers will end without the gospel? Who in your sphere of influence has not heard the gospel yet and how can you share it with them?
