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Final Meeting: June 4th

- Breakfast will be served!
- If you plan to attend, e-mail Hunter at hruch@wcchapel.org

The Life of the Apostle Paul

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Philippians 1:21

For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Big Idea:

Paul modeled a life *surrendered* to Jesus Christ for us to follow.



The Life of the Apostle Paul

#18 –Journey to Rome #1: Paul Before Felix

Acts 24:1-21

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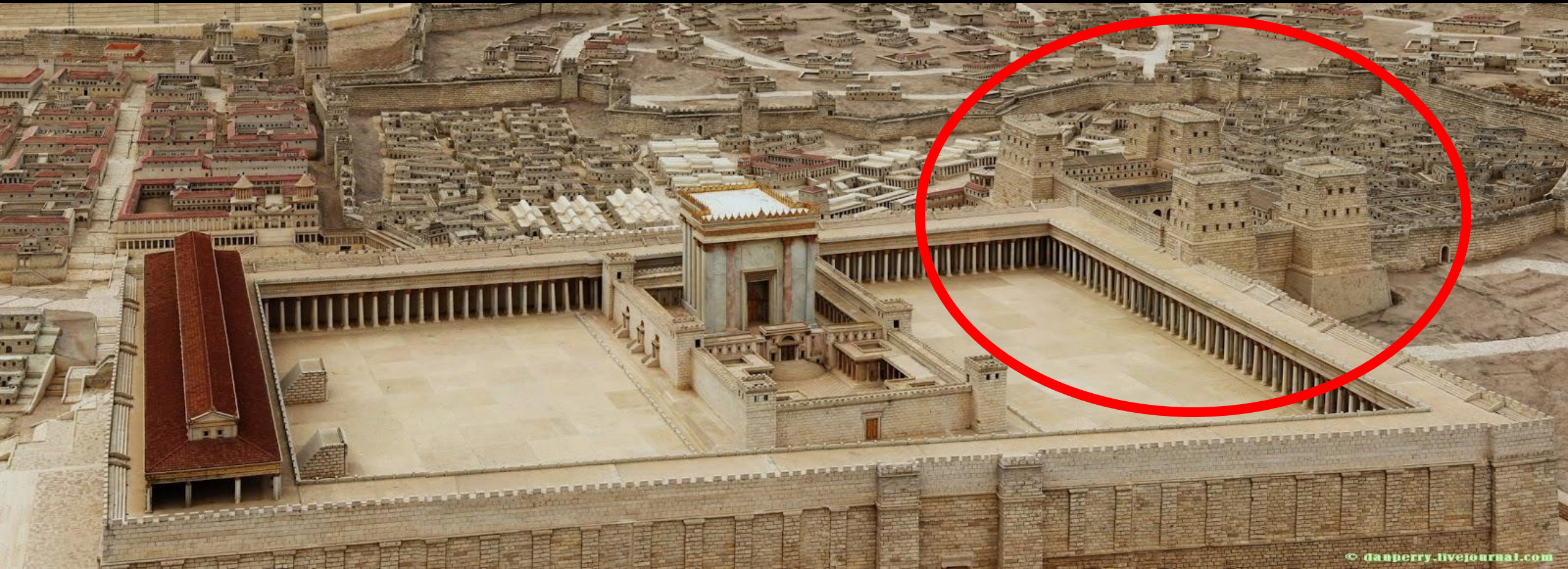
Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and ***you will be my witnesses*** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and ***to the end of the earth.***”

Acts 20:22-23

“And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that ***imprisonment and afflictions await me.***”

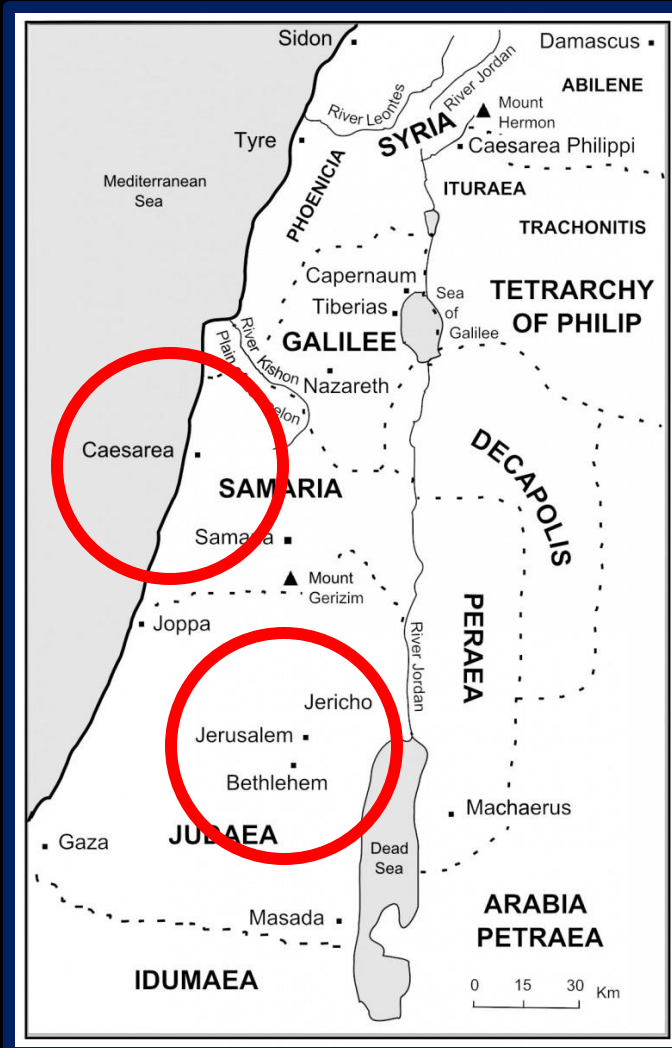
The Fortress of Antonia



Acts 23:11

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Context for Acts 24:1-21



Marcus Antonius Felix
Roman Procurator over Judea (A.D. 52-60)

Acts 24:1-21

1) The “Case” against Paul (24:1-9)

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“References to peaceful rule, reforms, and the governor’s foresight in the opening address by Tertullus represent an attempt to praise the governor and thus make him favorable to the case. Actual descriptions of his rule portray him as inept ... His administration was notorious for its corruption, cynicism, and cruelty. According to the historian Tacitus (*History 5.9*) ,Felix ‘reveled in cruelty and lust and wielded the power of a king with the mind of a slave.’”

- NET Bible Study Note

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- 1) The “Case” against Paul (24:1-9)
- 2) Paul’s Defense (24:10-21)

Acts 24:1-21

“Roman law imposed heavy penalties upon accusers who abandoned their charges (*destitutio*), and the disappearance of accusers often meant the withdrawal of a charge. Their absence, therefore, suggested that they had nothing against him that would stand up in a Roman court of law.”

- **Richard Longenecker**

Acts (The Expositor's Bible Commentary)

Acts 9:15

“But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name ***before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.***”

Acts 24:1-21 - Application

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Daniel 12:2

“And *many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake*, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Acts 24:1-21 - Application

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- 2) Jesus taught about the resurrection of the dead.

John 5:28-29

“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when ***all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out***, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

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- 3) Jesus was/is the resurrection!

John 11:25-26

“Jesus said to her, “***I am the resurrection and the life.***
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and
everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do
you believe this?”

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1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 19-20, 52, 54-55

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain ... And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins ... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep ... For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ... When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Acts 24:1-21 - Application

“A dead Savior is no ‘savior’ at all.”

- Glenn R. Kreider

Professor of Theological Studies, Dallas Seminary

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- 5) Jesus' resurrection completes the story and secures our salvation.

Romans 4:25

It will be counted (as righteousness) to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and ***raised for our justification.***

Acts 24:1-21 - Application

**He lived for you,
He died for you,
He lives again that you might too.**

Discussion Questions

- 1) What difference will the resurrection of Jesus Christ make in our lives in the future?
- 2) What difference should the resurrection of Jesus Christ make in our lives in the present?

Next Week (May 28th): Journey to Rome #2: Paul at Sea
(Acts 27:1-2, 13-44)

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