

Adult Bible Study 12/21/25 Pastor Jason K. Cody

Acts 24:10-23

## Continued - From Discussion on Disheartened People Pleasers to Joyful Servants of Christ

## **Discussion Questions on Verses - 10-23**

**Verse 10-15** - What is the basic message that Paul is proclaiming? Why should they be able to hear Him instead of calling the Way a sect? What's getting in their way of hearing? (John 12:36-43)

**Verse 16** - Why does Paul say he always "take pains" to maintain a "clear conscience"? What does that testify to? How does it connect with Jesus' words in Matt. 16:24-25?

**Verse 17** - What does Paul/Luke mean here by saying both "alms" (ἐλεημοσύνη) and "offerings" (προσφορά) what connection is he drawing? (Romans 12:1).

What offerings is Paul demonstrating are the more important? (1 Samuel 15:22)

Why would God disapprove of something He commanded the people to bring?

**Verses 18-19** - Why does Paul bring up these other Jews? What point is he making?

**Verse 20** - What is Paul saying about his accusers here?

**Verse 21** - What is Paul using his rhetoric to point out? What is he trying to show Felix that his accusers are really against? It's not his behavior or actions that he is on trial for. Instead who's on trial again, fundamentally?

How does this remind us of the theme we've tracked all the way through our study of the book of Acts?

**Verse 22** - In light of all this why does Felix "put them off"? Is Paul successful in making his case?

**Verse 23** - How does this verse reveal the success of Paul's defense and Felix's knowledge?