



Bible study for the week starting April 16, 2023

SHARE

Paul is on trial again for believing in Jesus and His resurrection. He was moved to Caesarea and is standing before Felix. He is once again defending the faith that he once so vehemently refuted. Paul was **convinced**, but that didn't just stay as a bit of info for his mind, it impacted his heart and his actions. Can you think of information that you know to be true, that makes no difference on your life. What true information changes how you live?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

George Lyttleton (1747) believed that Paul's conversion is one of the most compelling proofs of the truth of the Gospel. "Lyttleton observed that from an earthly perspective Paul had absolutely nothing to gain and everything to lose by testifying that he had seen the risen Christ. Giving up his position and prestige as a Jewish religious leader, he joined the despised Christian sect and was hounded, mocked, and persecuted for the rest of his life, finally paying the ultimate price for his Christian faith, death by beheading." This led him to believe this must be a divinely inspired truth.

1. Since we have been in ACTS for almost a year, is this understanding of Lyttleton compelling to you? Why or why not?
2. **Read ACTS 24:1-9** What are they accusing Paul of? Is any of it founded?
3. **Read ACTS 24:10-21** What is Paul's defense? Anything he says stick out and strike you? Could you say some of the things he did? (v.16 Clear conscience...) etc?
 - a. Paul's main defense was that He was convinced of the resurrection. What is the most compelling evidence of the Resurrection in your opinion?
4. **Read ACTS 24:22-27** Why does Felix procrastinate processing Paul? Do you ever procrastinate doing what is right, even when you know what is true?

PRAY

Pray for those that do not know the truth of the Resurrection. Pray for transformation in mind AND in heart.



We are Convinced: Acts 24:1-27
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Our “life expectancy” is not where we place our hope...our hope is in the truth that because He lives, WE too will RISE.

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are CONVINCED that one died for all, and therefore all died” (2 Corinthians 5:14).

QUICK RECAP: Goes to Jerusalem- Arrested- Speaks to People- Sanhedrin- Sent to Felix

They made the 60+ mile journey because they were convinced he was a threat.

“It is with respect to the RESURRECTION of the dead that I am on trial before you this day” (Acts 24:21).

Investigating the Resurrection:

1. Jesus actually DIED.
2. EARLY ACCOUNTS of the resurrection.
3. The tomb was EMPTY.
4. There were verifiable EYEWITNESSES.

Being convinced in your mind is simply having information, but being convinced in your HEART results in a life TRANSFORMATION.

For Next Sunday read Acts 25:1-12