

September 10, 2023  
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Digging Deeper Acts 25:1-12

#### Day 1

Pray to God, confess your sins, and ask for His help. As you dig deeper into His word this week, consider using a journal to write down the ideas and questions He has for you as you study. Read Acts 25:1-12. Prior to Festus replacing Felix as the Roman ruler in Israel, how many years had Paul been held in prison? See Acts 24 v.27. In Acts 25 verses 1-3, Festus, who just arrived for his new job, goes immediately to Jerusalem. Why do you think he does this?

#### Day2

Pray to God about what he wants you to learn as you study in His word digging deeper into the verses from Sunday's message. Again, read Acts 25:1-12. During the time Paul was in prison, did the Jewish leaders relax on their intent to do harm to Paul? What did they ask of Festus? Check out Acts 23 v.12-15 for context here. Do you think Festus knew what they were planning?

#### Day3

Pray to God as you learn from His word today. Is there someone you need to reconnect with whom you haven't spoken to in a long time? Send them a text, give them a call, and ask them how they are doing and what you can do for them. Read Acts 25:1-12. In verses 6 through 8, what happens next? In a lawful court proceeding, what is needed when making an accusation? Check out these key definitions related to Paul's story. a) <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/witness> b) <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/evidence> When an accusation fails, why does it fail, what is it lacking? How did the Jewish leaders prevail here?

#### Day 4

Find a quiet place to settle your body, mind, and spirit. Pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your heart and mind. Write everything down into your journal for reflection and study. Read Acts 25:1-12. Paul knows both Jewish law and Roman law; remember he was a scholar persecuting Jesus before he became a Jesus follower. Check out Acts 22 v.3-5. Paul also respects the law. Check out Romans 13 v.1-7. Also, check out 1 Timothy 2 v.1-3.

#### Day 5

Pray for others in your life. Ask God how is He nudging you to come alongside them with kindness, compassion, and joy. Read Acts 25:1-12. Paul was faced with a ton of false accusations. In v. 10 - 12 Paul challenges the court. Do you think Paul knew that Festus was in league with the Jewish leaders? Is talking about and preaching Jesus an offense to Jewish or Roman law? What happens next? How do you think Festus feels when he can't help the Jewish leaders? How do you think the Jewish leaders feel when their plans to trap and kill Paul fail?