

“The Jewish Authorities Accuse & Pursue Paul Before Felix!”

Acts 24:1-9

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Q

*“What Is The Time Period Between Paul's Initial Detainment, Military Transfer,
& This Meeting Between The Jewish Authorities & The Roman Governor?”*

A

Ten Days

Let's Review

Day 1 of Paul's Detainment

The **Commander / Tribune** ordered Him (Paul) to be brought into the Barracks, and said that He should be Examined Under Scourging, ^a so that He / **Tribune** might know why They (Jews) shouted so against Him (Paul). Acts 22:24

Day 2 of Paul's Detainment

The Next Day, because He / **Commander** wanted to know for certain why He (Paul) was accused by the Jews, He / **Tribune** released Him from His Bonds, ^{*} and Commanded the Chief Priests and All Their Council (Sanhedrin) to Appear, and He brought Paul down and set Him before Them (Jewish Religious Authorities). Acts 22:30

Now when there Arose a Great Dissension, the **Commander / Tribune**, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by Them (Sanhedrin Council), Commanded the Soldiers to go down and take Him by force from among Them, and bring Him (Paul) into the Barracks. Acts 23:10

Day 3 of Paul's Detainment – Nighttime Hours (Jewish Day)

But The Following Night the Lord Stood (Epiphany) by Him (Paul) and Said (Theophany), “Be of Good Cheer, Paul; for as You Have Testified for Me (The Lord) in Jerusalem, so You must also Bear Witness (for Me) at Rome!” Acts 23:11

Day 3 of Paul's Detainment – Daylight Hours (Jewish Day)

And When It Was Day, Some of the Jews Banded Together and Bound Themselves Under an Oath, saying that They Would Neither Eat Nor Drink Till They Had Killed Paul. Now there were More Than Forty Who Had Formed This Conspiracy ...

...So, the **Commander / Tribune** let the **Young Man (Paul's Nephew)** depart (after hearing about the **Conspiracy to Murder Paul**), and **Commanded Him**, "Tell no one that **You** have revealed these things to **Me!**" And **He / Commander** Called for **Two Centurions**, saying, "Prepare **Two Hundred Soldiers, Seventy Horsemen, and Two Hundred Spearmen** to go to **Caesarea (Philippi)** at the **Third Hour of the Night (9 PM)**; and provide **Mounts** to set **Paul** on, and bring **Him** safely to (**Marcus Antonius**) **Felix the Governor.**" **Acts 23:12-13 & 22-24**

Days 4 - 5 of Paul's Detainment

Then the **Soldiers**, as **They** were **Commanded**, took **Paul** and brought **Him** **By Night** to **Antipatris (Fortress)**. The **Next Day** **They** (**400 Infantry**) left the **Horsemen (70)** to go on with **Him**, and returned (back) to the **Barracks (Antonia Fortress)**. When **They (Cavalry)** came to **Caesarea (Philippi)** and had delivered the **Letter (Official Dispatch)** to the **Governor (Felix)**, **They** also presented **Paul** to **Him**. And when the **Governor** had read **It (Official Dispatch)**, **He** asked what (**Roman**) **Province He (Paul)** was from. And when **He** understood that **He** was from **Cilicia**, **He** said, "**I will hear You when Your Accusers (Sanhedrin Council) also have come.**" And **He (Felix)** **Commanded Him (Paul)** to be kept in **Herod's Praetorium.** **Acts 23:31-35**

Days 6 - 10 of Paul's Detainment

Now **After Five Days**, (**10 Days After Paul's Original Detainment: Awaiting Trial Now Five Days in Herod's Praetorium, at Caesarea Philippi**) **Ananias the High Priest** came down with the **Elders (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council)** and a **Certain (Officially Appointed) Orator (Praeco & Procurator)** Named, **Tertullus**. **These (All Together)** Gave **Evidence** to the **Governor (Felix)** against **Paul.** **Acts 24:1**

Q

"What Are The Roles Of A **Jewish Orator & Praeco & Procurator?**"

A1

A **Jewish 'Orator'** Is Like A **Lawyer / Counselor**

A2

A **Jewish 'Praeco'** Is Like A **District Attorney / Agent of the Jewish Court**

A3

A **Jewish 'Procurator'** Is Like A **Representative To Act In A Roman Court**

RQ1 - Review Question?

"What Was **Saul's Original Role For The Sanhedrin?**"

RA1- Review Answer

Saul - Jewish Praeco

A Proclaimer Of The Trial Sentence Pronounced With **Councilor Authority Of The Sanhedrin**
And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a **Young Man Named Saul** ...
... Now **Saul** was consenting to **Stephen's Death.** **Acts 7:58b & 8:1a**

RQ2 - Review Question?

"What Became **Saul's Expanded Role For The Sanhedrin?**"

RA2- Review Answer

Saul - Jewish Procurator

A Lawful Agent Representing The **Jewish Council** In Both **Jewish & Roman Courts of Law**
At that time, a **Great Persecution** arose against the **Church** which was at **Jerusalem**; and **They** were all **Scattered (Diaspora)** throughout the **Regions of Judea and Samaria**, except the **Apostles** ... As for **Saul**, he made havoc of the **Church**, entering every **House**, and **Dragging Off Men and Women, Committing Them To Prison!** **Acts 8:1b & 3**
Then **Saul**, still **Breathing Threats** and **Murder** against the **Disciples of the Lord**, Went to the **High Priest (Caiaphas)** and Asked **Letters (Warrants Of Authority - Legal Arrest & Extradition)** From **Him** to the **Synagogues of Damascus**, so that if **He Found Any Who Were** of the "**Way**", whether **Men** or **Women**, **He** might bring **Them Bound in Chains** to **Jerusalem.** **Acts 9:1-2**

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Q

“Who Is The **New Orator & Praeco & Procurator** of the Current **Sanhedrin Council**?”

A

Tertullus – A Roman Born Jewish Citizen Like Paul

Notice Next

The Clever & Cunning **Debate Tactic** of **Three Positive & Flattering Compliments**
Recognizing The Ultimate Authority of **Marcus Antonius Felix** , The **Roman Governor**;

Also Notice

Followed By The Naming Of **Three Negative Anarchistic, Insurrectionist, & Terrorist Pejoratives**
Used To Frame The Defendant’s Character - **Paul of Tarsus!**

And when **He (Orator & Praeco & Procurator)** was called upon, **Tertullus** began **His Accusation**, saying: “Seeing that Through **You (Marcus Antonius Felix)** ¹ **We (Jews)** Enjoy Great Peace, and Prosperity as being brought to this **Nation (Israel)** by **Your Foresight (Guidance)**, ^{1a} **We (Nation of Israel)** Accept **It (Your Governance)** ^{1b} Always and In All Places, **Most Noble Felix**, with all Thankfulness. Nevertheless, not to be tedious to **You (Governor)** any further, **I (Orator & Praeco & Procurator)**, **Tertullus** beg **You (Felix)** to hear, by **Your Courtesy**, ^{1c} a few words from **Us (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council)**. For **We** have found this **Man (Paul)** ² : a **Plague**, ^{2a} a **Creator of Dissension** among **All the Jews** throughout the World, ^{2b} and a **Ringleader** of the **Sect of the Nazarenes.**” ^{2c} Acts 24:2-5

Notice Next

The Clever & Cunning **Debate Tactic** of **Three Positive Attempts To Lawfully Control The Situation** By The **Jewish Authorities** Using Only **Jewish Law** ; Without Any **Roman Interference**
All The While **Recognizing Authority of Rome.**

Also Notice

Followed By **Three Negative Roman Interferences By Felix’s Subordinate - Commander Lysias**
Used To Frame **A Single Positive Solution** Whereby The **Governor** May Offer **True Justice!**
“**He (Paul)** even tried to **Profane the Temple**, ³ and **We (Jewish Authorities)** **Seized Him**, ^{3a} and **Wanted to Judge Him** ^{3b} According to Our (Jewish) Law. ^{3c} But the **Commander Lysias** ⁴ Came By and With Great Violence ^{4a} Took **Him (Paul)** Out of **Our Hands**; ^{4b} (Further **Lysias**), Commanding **His Accusers (Us)** to Come to **You (Governor)**. ^{4c} By Examining **Him (Paul) Yourself (Felix)**, **You (Governor)** May Ascertain All These Things of Which **We (Jewish Authorities)** **Accuse Him.**” Acts 24:6-8

Finally Notice

The Clever & Cunning **Debate Tactic** of **Unanimous Agreement By All Authorities**
Testifying To The **“Supposed Truth”** To Seal The Fate of Your Opposition!
And the **Jews (Inner Circle of the Sanhedrin Council)** also **Assented**, Maintaining that **These Things (Accusations)** Were (Indeed) So! Acts 24:9

Now Notice The Similarities Of Paul’s Day To Our Present Day!

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Your Elected World & National Leaders!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Authorities On Things You Couldn’t Possibly Understand!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Subject Matter Experts Assigned To Help You!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Your Healthcare Providers, We Know What’s Best For You!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are The Scientific Community, We Tell You What You Need To Know!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Educators: Professors & Teachers, We Know What’s Best For The Children!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are The New Age World Collective AI Mind!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Your Local Mainstream Denominational Church Leaders!”

“Trust Us!”

“We Are Your Local Feel-Good Non-Denominational Church?”

Paul’s CQ1?

“Who Did Paul Trust In His Day,

***When So Many So-Called Religious Leaders, World Rulers,
& Others Were All Saying Something Different, Important, & New?”***

Paul’s CQ2?

“Who Did Paul Trust In His Day,

When He Was Imprisoned & Accused Wrongly For His Beliefs, Faith, & Truth?”

Paul’s CA1-2

The Risen Christ!

But the Following Night the Lord Stood (Epiphany) by Him (Paul) and Said (Theophany), “Be of Good Cheer, Paul; for as You Have Testified for Me (The Lord) in Jerusalem, so You must also Bear Witness (for Me) at Rome!” **Acts 23:11**

Your CQ1?

“Who Will You Trust Today, Tomorrow, & Forever?”

Your CQ2?

“Who Will You Trust,

***When You Like Paul, One Day Soon,
Are Declared Public Enemy #1,
For Your Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ?”***

Pastoral Invitation

“I Invite You Now

***To Come Forward To This Altar,
Where The Risen Christ Has Come Down
From Heaven, To Meet You, Converse With You,
Heal You, Encourage You, Remove Your Fears,
Strengthen You, & Draw Closer To You,
His Beloved Child!”***