

Week 31:
Acts 24:1-23

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A Cheerful Defense

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 24:1-23

Luke 23:6-12
Genesis 18:25
Acts 3:18-21
Psalm 96:10-13
1 Corinthians 10:31-33
Philippians 3:1
Romans 10:1-4

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BIG IDEA:

Even though Paul is on trial for baseless claims, he still makes his defense gladly because he knows he is right where God wants him to be. Paul trusts that God is the creator who will one day call the whole world to account, that Jesus is sure, and no matter what happens to him, he can glorify God in how he responds and handles it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What's your best lawyer joke?

"The Christian Gospel...is designed to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable." What do you think that means?

Which side of the spectrum do you tend to fall: disturbed or comfortable?

Have you ever experienced persecution (in some form) for your faith by someone disturbed by the Gospel?

How can we prepare now for future persecution so we respond in grace?

Have you ever been cheerful in a situation that might not seem like you should be?

What was the root of that cheerfulness?

How much does your trust in God affect your attitude in situations?

Do you believe that Jesus is enough to change the hearts and lives (of everyone)?

In the everyday stuff of life, do you find yourself putting your hope in Christ and His work, or in other things (ie: laws, circumstance changes, etc.)?

When we feel unjustly accused, how can focusing on what Jesus has done in taking our sin upon Himself (the Gospel), change our outlook and response to reflect God's Kingdom more?

Read Romans 10:1-4.

Is this your heart's desire? Why or why not?