Northwest Bible Church - Oct. 4, 2020 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 24:1-23**

*Paul on Trial Before Felix*

Intro

**A. THE CHARGES AGAINST PAUL (Acts 24:1-6).**

 1. The Prosecutors (Acts 24:1).

 2. Opening flattery (Acts 24:2-4).

 3. Three charges (Acts 24:5-6):

 a. Real pest -

 b. Ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes -

 c. Tried to desecrate the temple -

**B. INCRIMINATING CHARGE AGAINST LYSIAS (Acts 24:6-9).**

 1. We arrested him (Acts 24:6).

 2. Lysias is accused of violently overstepping his boundaries (Acts 24:7-8).

 3. Final confident appeal for Felix to examine Paul (Acts 24:8-9).

**C. PAUL’S DEFENSE (Acts 24:10-21).**

 1. I am no trouble-maker (Acts 24:10-13).

 2. I am a member of “the Way”, which is not a heretical sect (Acts 24:14-16).

 3. I did not profane the temple (Acts 24:17-18).

 4. My accusers are not here (Acts 24:18b-21).

 5. I’m on trial for the resurrection of the dead (Acts 24:21).

**D. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS**

 1. The Singular Resurrection. Acts 24:15, 21: 23:6; Jn. 5:28-29; 11:24, 48; Dan. 12:1-2

 2. The Hope of the Resurrection. Acts 24:14-15, 21

 Certain hope - Acts 24:15

 Joyful hope - Rom. 5:2

 Invisible hope - Rom. 8:24

 Blessed hope - Tit. 2:13

 Living hope - 1 Pet. 1:3

 Exclusive hope - 1 Pet. 1:13

 Purifying hope - 1 Jn. 3:2

 Defended hope - 2 Cor. 4:16-18

 A hope to defend - 1 Pet. 3:15

 Stabilizing hope - Heb. 6:18-20

Conclusion