

ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST

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Nobody demonstrated a greater allegiance to the cross of Jesus Christ than did the

"This man is a chosen servant unto me. I will send him to the Gentiles to stand before governors and kings, that he may bear my name before them, as well as before the sons of Israel." ACTS 9:13 ESV

Paul Appeals to Caesar [Acts 25:1-12]

Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. ² And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, ³ asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. ... ACTS 25:1-5 ESV

"Paul was a Jew whose countrymen wanted to kill him, and he was a Roman whose government did not know what to do with him." WARREN WIERSBE, *BE DARING*

Paul Before King Agrippa [Acts 25:13-26:32]

So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. ... ACTS 25:23-27 ESV

Jesus is still in the business of opening ______, forgiving sins, and setting people free from the ______.

But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. ²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a

Christian?" ²⁹ And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains." ACTS 26:19-23

Take Home Applications

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