

# ACTS



LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

## Acts 24



# Setting the Stage

- **Acts 21**
  - ↪ Paul determined to go to Jerusalem
  - ↪ good reports of God's work
  - ↪ Paul acts to quell vicious gossip
  - ↪ trouble makers stir crowd against Paul
- **Acts 22** – Paul speaks to the crowd
- **Acts 23a** – Paul before Sanhedrin
- **Acts 23b** – Paul sent to gov. Felix
- **Acts 24**

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# Scene I: The Charge

- Tertullus' 3-fold strategy
  - 1) flattery
  - 2) generalities
  - 3) ½ truths & lies

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# Scene II: The Defense

- Paul keeps the resurrection central (vv. 15, 21)
- comparison with Stephen (6:10)
- comparison with Jesus

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Nothing speaks louder than a life lived to the  
honor & glory of God.

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# Scene III: The Judgment

- Felix is pronouncing judgment on himself
- a decision not to make a decision is itself a decision

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