



TURNING THE WORLD
**UPSIDE
DOWN**

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 23:12-24:21



1. Expect to be Hated

A. Paul's Enemies

1. Jewish Zealots
2. Corrupt Leaders



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B. Paul's Endurance

Acts 23:11 “The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.”



2. Expect to be Delivered

A. Providence of God

“God is continually involved with all created things in such a way that he (1) keeps them existing and maintaining the properties with which he created them; (2) cooperates with created things in every action, directing their distinctive properties to cause them to act as they do; and (3) directs them to fulfill his purposes.” (Grudem 315)



B. Providence in Paul's Life

1. God uses **Paul's Nephew**
2. God uses **Tribune**
3. God uses **Roman Army**
4. God uses **Gov. Felix**

C. Providence in Our Lives

The image shows a landscape of a forest with green trees and a blue sky, oriented upside down. The text is overlaid on the sky portion of the image.

3. Expect to be Accused

A. Accusations

1. Sediton
2. Sectarianism
3. Sacrilege



3. Expect to be Accused

B. Paul's Defense

1. Seditious? Verdict: **Not Guilty!**

a. No Time

b. No Disruption

c. No Proof

d. No Eyewitnesses



3. Expect to be Accused

2. Sectarianism

Verdict:

Guilty!

3. Sacrilege

Verdict:

Not Guilty!

C. Paul's Accusation

A landscape photograph oriented upside down. The top half of the image shows a dense forest of green trees against a bright, overcast sky. The bottom half of the image shows a clear, light blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The text 'What do We Expect?' is centered in the sky area.

What do We Expect?

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