

Acts 24, 25 and 26

We will all stand before God's judgement seat ... so then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

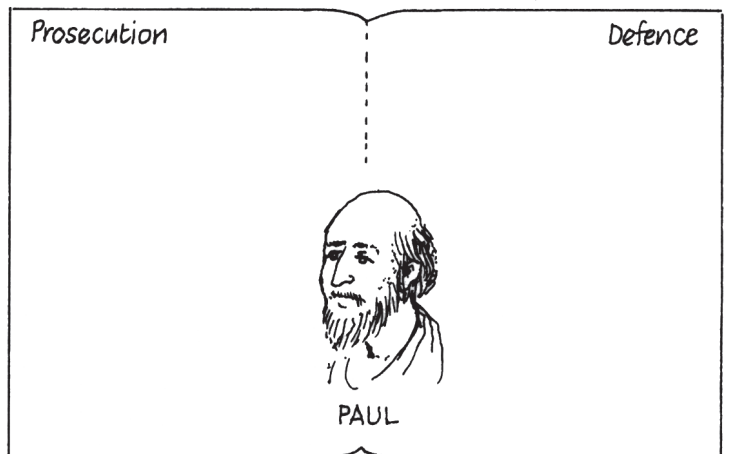
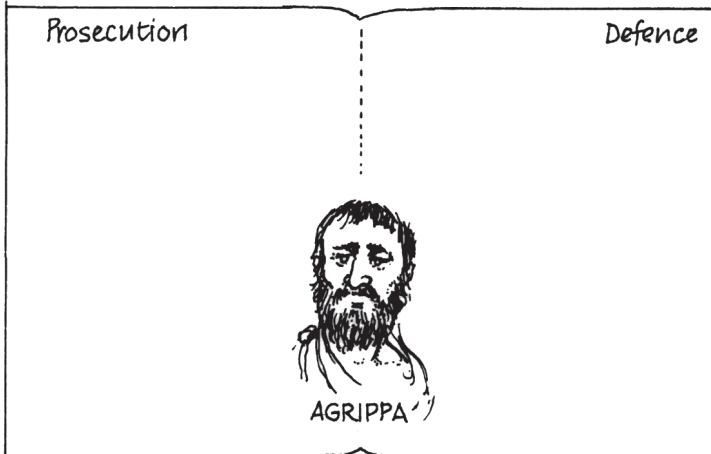
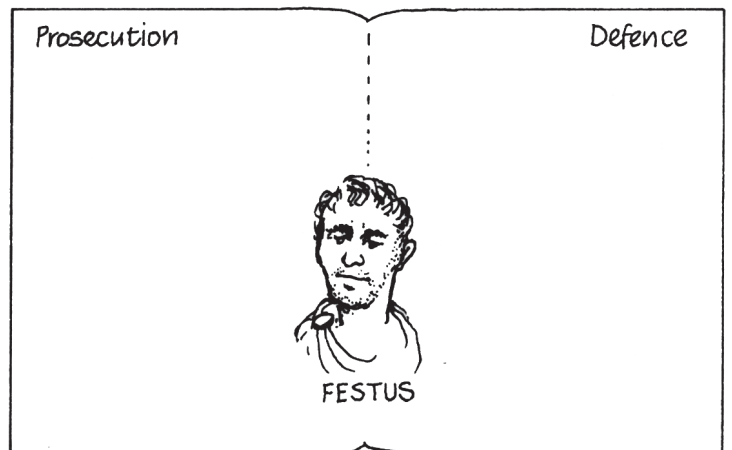
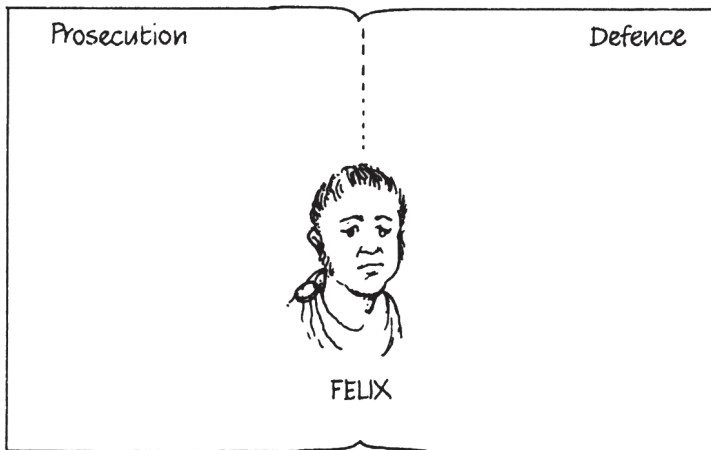
Romans 14:10, 12

Readings this week:

- S Acts 24:1-9
- M Acts 24:10-27
- T Acts 25:1-12
- W Acts 25:13-27
- Th Acts 26:1-23
- F Acts 26:24-32
- S Romans 14:9-13

After his arrest, Paul was put on trial and had to defend himself before many people. We can use his experience to ask ourselves about our own faith and convictions. We know that we will one day be judged by God.

Acts chapters 24-26 deal with the times Paul was tried by different people. Find what Paul was accused of and how he defends himself.



Righteousness, Self-control and Judgement to come

In chapter 24:25 we're told that Paul talked about Righteousness, Self-control and the Judgement to come. What do you think he meant by these things? Write down your ideas, and say how each thing applies to you personally.

Righteousness

Self Control

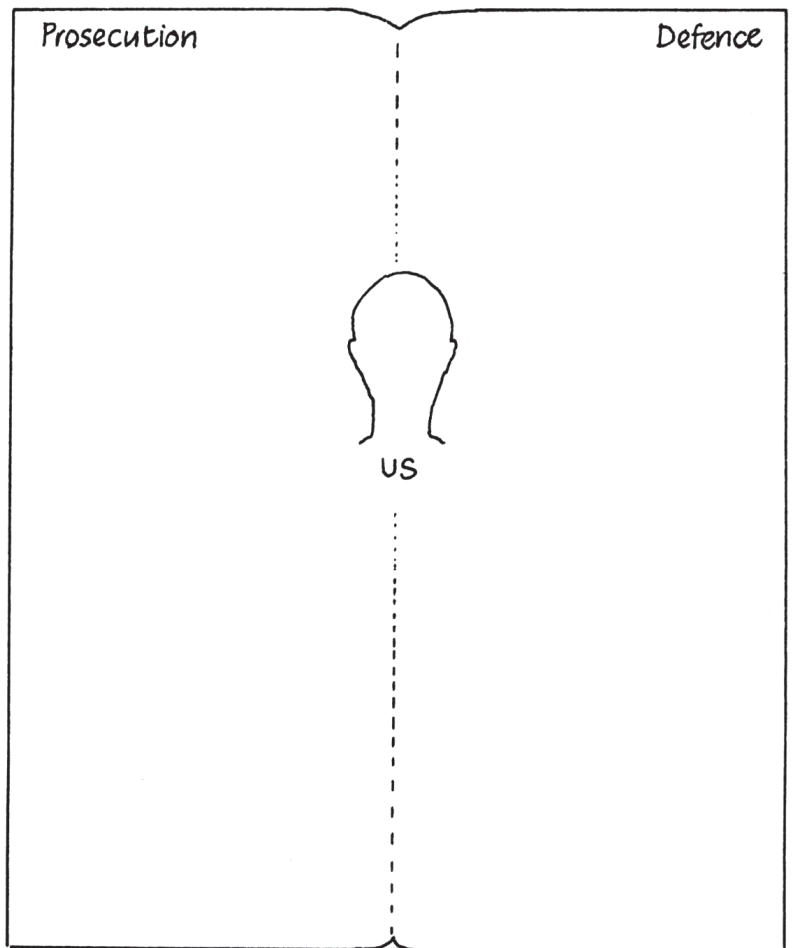
Judgement to come

What seems to be Paul's attitude to being tried?

Is he scared?

How should we feel about being judged by God?

What will God look for on Judgment Day?



Every day you give people evidence to make judgments about you by the way you behave. Each day is an opportunity to do what is right and stand up for what you believe.

Some of the older people in your meeting may have been tried for their beliefs during the second world war. Ask if anyone has, and talk to them about what it was like. Many people in other countries face prison and persecution for their beliefs today.

Digging Deeper

Paul the prisoner

What did Paul tell king Agrippa he had done? Acts 26:10

Now it was his turn to be in prison. Do you think he was prepared? Acts 20:23, 21:10-11

What can we find out about how many times before Paul had been in prison? Acts 16:22-34, 2 Corinthians 11:23

How long does it seem he might have been in chains? Acts 21:33-22:29

But Acts 26:29 (24:27) and 28:20

How did Paul feel about his bonds? 2 Timothy 1:8,12

And whose prisoner did he say he was? Ephesians 3:1, 4:1 Why do you think he might say this?

Ask
God to be
with you and give
you the courage to
stand up for what
you believe