



CHRISTIANS ON TRIAL

THE KINDS OF OPPOSITION TO EXPECT
ACTS 24:1-9

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1. Expect _____ (vv.5-6)

(v.5a) – A.

(v.5b) – B.

(v.5c) – C.

(v.6) – D.

2. Expect _____ (vv.1-9)

(v.1a) – A.

(v.1b) – B.

(vv.1-4) – C.

(vv.8-9) – D.

3. Remember _____

(He.13:12-14) – A.

(Ro.1:1-6) – B.

(2Th.1:3-12) – C.

Acts 24:1 *And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul.*

2 *And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:*

*“Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, **3** in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude.*

4 *But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly.*

5 *For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. **6** He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him.*

8 *By examining him yourself you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him.”*

9 *The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so. (ESV)*

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 5:11-12**. What makes this so difficult to endure? What are some of the personal costs associated with the reviling and false accusations that so often get hurled at Christians?
2. Read **Matthew 10:24-25**. How can this passage come to life if you imagine his first coming being in our day and to our town? What would you be bracing for if you were one of the ones to quit your job and travel around assisting him in his ministry, his preaching, and being physically present for all the controversy he stirred up?
3. Read **Philippians 1:29-30** and **1 Peter 2:21-23**. What are some of the very specific costs you are having to pay for being identified as a Bible-believing follower of Christ?
4. Read **Hebrews 13:12-14**. How does this passage encourage you and minister to you? What challenges to your Christian life are embedded in this brief text?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**. How does this text keep you from being a prideful Christian who simply wants to win arguments about Christianity, while seeking to never be embarrassed of your godly convictions?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 20-05 – **Expecting Opposition**
- Msg. 19-30 – **Unfazed by Sovereign Challenges**
- Msg. 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**
- Msg. 15-35 – **The Fear of Rejection**
- Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**
- Msg. 15-03 – **When You've Been Rejected**
- Msg. 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 7 th	Judg.20-21 & Lk.11:1-28
April 8 th	Ruth1-4 & Lk.11:29-54
April 9 th	1Sam.1-3 & Lk.12:1-34
April 10 th	1Sam.4-6 & Lk.12:35-59
April 11 th	1Sam.7-9 & Lk.13:1-21
April 12 th	1Sam.10-12 & Lk.13:22-35
April 13 th	1Sam.13-14 & Lk.14:1-24
April 14 th	1Sam.15-16 & Lk.14:25-35

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.
- Cochran, Gregory. **Christians in the Crosshairs: Persecution in the Bible and Around the World Today**. WBC, 2016.
- Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
- Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.
- House, Paul. **Who Will Be Saved? Defending the Biblical Understanding of God & Salvation**. Crossway, 2000.
- Nash, Ronald. **Is Jesus the Only Savior?** Zondervan, 1994.
- Nettleton, Todd. **When Faith Is Forbidden: 40 Days with Persecuted Christians**. Moody Publishing, 2021.
- Metaxas, Eric. **Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy**. Thomas Nelson, 2020.
- Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.
- Ryle, J.C. **Five English Reformers**. (Martyrs Hooper, Taylor, Latimer, Bradford, & Ridley) Banner of Truth, 1960.
- Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.
- The Voice of the Martyrs. **Heroic Faith: How to Live a Life of Extreme Devotion**. Thomas Nelson, 2008.
- Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.