

KINGDOM OF GOD -- BOOK OF ACTS

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- * Today, I have the opportunity to give two messages
- * This first message -- Kingdom of God in the Book of Acts

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* Kingdom of God -- A Major Theme in Acts

* Kingdom of God -- Mentioned in the Beginning and
in the End of the Book of Acts

Acts 1:3 Jesus -- speaking of the things pertaining to
 the kingdom of God
 6 they asked Him -- will You again restore the
 kingdom to Israel at this time?
 7-8 it is not for you to know the times or the seasons
-- but you shall receive power
Acts 28:23 many came to his lodging -- he expounded and testified
 the kingdom of God -- persuad-ing them
 concerning Jesus -- both out of the law of
 Moses and out of the prophets -- from
 morning to evening
 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things
 which concern Jesus Christ -- with all
 confidence -- no man forbidding him

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* Background -- Dealing With Kings in Acts

* King Herod

Acts 12:1 King Herod -- vex certain people of the church
 2 he killed James (John's brother) with a sword
 3-4 threw Peter into prison

* Felix -- the governor

Acts 23:24 they decided to send Paul before Felix
Acts 24:1 Ananias (the high priest) brought Paul before
 the governor (Felix)
 2-8 Tertullus stated his case
 9 the Jews agreed
 10 Felix asked Paul to speak
 11-21 Paul defended himself
 22 Felix understood about the way of the believers
 23 Felix instructed them to keep Paul under guard
 24-26 Felix sent for Paul -- Paul taught about Jesus

Christ -- Felix often sent for Paul

* Festus -- the new governor

Acts 24:27 Festus took Felix's place -- Festus left Paul in prison
Acts 25:1 Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem
2-3 religious leaders wanted Festus to move Paul from
Caesarea to Jerusalem
4-6 the court of Caesarea
7 the Jews accused
8 Paul defended himself -- have not done anything
against the law of the Jews, against the
temple or against Caesar
9 Festus asked -- will you go to Jerusalem and be
judged by me there?
10-11 Paul replied -- I stand at Caesar's seat -- I
appeal unto Caesar
12 Festus said -- unto Caesar shall you go
13-21 Festus explained the situation to King Agrippa

* King Agrippa

Acts 25:22 Agrippa said -- I want to hear this man
23-27 Festus brought Paul in before King Agrippa
Acts 26:1 Agrippa invited Paul to speak
2-29 Paul spoke before King Agrippa
30-31 Agrippa and Bernice realized that Paul had done
nothing worthy of death
32 but he had appealed unto Caesar

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* Accused -- Honoring a Different King

Acts 17:7 contrary to the decrees of Caesar -- saying that
there is another king -- Jesus Christ
Luke 23:2 accused Jesus -- forbidding to give tribute to
Caesar -- saying that Himself is a king
John 18:33 Pilate asked -- are you the king of the Jews?
John 19:12 putting pressure on Pilate -- if you let this man go,
you are not Caesar's friend -- whoever makes
himself a king, speaks against Caesar

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* Preaching About the Kingdom of God

Acts 8:12 Philip -- preaching the kingdom of God
Acts 14:22 Paul -- confirming & exhorting
Acts 19:8 Paul -- spoke boldly -- disputing & persuading
Acts 20:25 Paul -- preaching the kingdom of God
Acts 28:23 Paul -- expounded & testified -- persuading

