

Agrippa Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why do you think Paul did not complain about being held without charges for such a long time?

What happened each time he appeared before another official?

Is it surprising that there was “more than meets the eye” to Paul’s statement?

What did he do when he spoke to a crowd of Pharisees and Sadducees? (Acts 23:6-8)

Why do you suppose Agrippa and Bernice were interested in hearing him?

What do you think was behind Festus’ outburst, “You are out of your mind, Paul”?

Do you know people who would react like that to a story of seeing a vision of Jesus in heaven?

How did Paul appeal to Agrippa?

What was the point of contact?

Herod’s family were Idumeans but pursued orthodox Jewish policies. What was Paul asking Agrippa to do?

Did Festus and Agrippa talk about the big questions with which they had been confronted?

What were the big questions?

Why do you supposed they did not discuss them?

Have you ever been in a discussion that gets serious and then everybody starts talking about the weather?

Why does that happen?

What should we do if it does happen?

How is it possible that this episode had effects far beyond the small crowd that witnessed it?

What lesson can we draw from this incident for our own lives?