

An Inconvenient Truth

Acts 24:1-27

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service, Sunday 30th April 2023.

A photograph of an airport departure board. The board is a large, dark panel with white text and red lights. It lists five flights, each with a flight number, a scheduled departure time, a destination, and a status. The status for all flights is 'DELAYED', indicated by two red lights and the word 'DELAYED' in white capital letters. The board is slightly angled, and the top edge shows a window with a blue sky and white clouds.

Flight Number	Time	Destination	Status
0805	0815	MILANO	DELAYED
0845	0855	PARIS	DELAYED
0905	0915	NEW YORK	DELAYED
0910	0920	FRANKFURT	DELAYED
0925	0955	LONDON	DELAYED



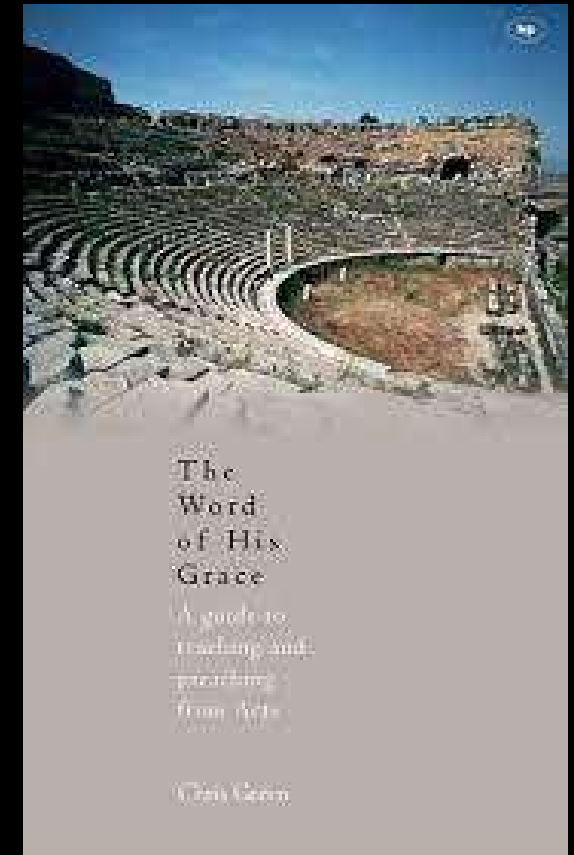
Governor Felix

- Roman governor of Judea AD 52-60
- Met Paul around AD 58
- A harsh and oppressive ruler
- “The power of a king but the mind of a slave”
- Married to Drusilla – his third marriage



“All the accidents and delays that happened to Paul along the way must be taken under the general rule that God would arrange for Paul to arrive in Rome and his clear control could not be overridden.”

Chris Green



Acts 24v24

Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 9v27

People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank you

The wrath of God completely satisfied

Jesus, thank you

Once your enemy, now seated at your table

Jesus, thank you

Jesus, Thank you



Mark 4v18-19

¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

“Unfortunately, there is no evidence that Felix ever capitulated to Christ and was redeemed... on the contrary, Felix left Paul in prison, in order to win the Jews’ favour, which means that he coveted not only money, but also glory.”

John Stott

