

Acts 24:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

Analysis

Paul's verifiable timeline - 'no more than twelve days' - allowed Felix to investigate the facts. This specific, checkable detail demonstrates Paul's confidence in truth. The stated purpose 'to worship' directly refuted charges of sedition or temple profanation, showing Paul's real intent was religious devotion within Jewish custom.

Historical Context

The twelve days included travel to Jerusalem, the seven-day purification (Acts 21:27), and time before arrest. Paul's precise accounting reflects the historical accuracy characteristic of Luke's narrative.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does your confidence in truth allow you to invite investigation rather than fear scrutiny?

2. What does this teach about the power of specific, verifiable details in defending against false accusations?

Interlinear Text

δυναμένου	σου	γινῶναι	ὅτι	οὐ	πλείους	εἰσὶν	
mayest	Because that thou	understand	that	G3756	G4119	there are	
G1410	G4675	G1097	G3754			G1526	
μοι	ἡμέραι	ἢ	δεκαδύο,	ἅφ'	ἥς	ἀνέβην	προσκυνήσων
I	days	yet but	twelve	since	G3739	went up	for to worship
G3427	G2250	G2228	G1177	G575		G305	G4352
ἐν	Ἱερουσαλήμ						
to	Jerusalem						
G1722	G2419						

Additional Cross-References

Acts 24:1 (Parallel theme): And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

Acts 21:18 (Parallel theme): And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.