

Acts 24:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

Analysis

'Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.' Paul reduced the entire case to the resurrection doctrine. This theological dispute was not criminal matter for Roman courts.

Historical Context

By framing the accusation as theological dispute about resurrection, Paul distinguished religious controversy from criminal charges. Felix had no jurisdiction over Jewish doctrine.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How did Paul's focus on resurrection serve his defense?
2. What does this teach about distinguishing theological dispute from criminal accusation?

Interlinear Text

ἡ	Περὶ	μιάς	ταύτης	φωνῆς	ἥς	ἔκραξα	ἐστὼς	ἐν
Except	it be for	G1520	G3778	voice	that	I cried	standing	among
G2228	G4012			G5456	G3739	G2896	G2476	G1722
αὐτοῖς	ὅτι	Περὶ	ἀναστάσεως	νεκρῶν	ἐγὼ			
them	Touching	it be for	the resurrection	of the dead	I			
G846	G3754	G4012	G386	G3498	G1473			
κρίνομαι	σήμερον	ὑφ'	ὑμῶν					
am called in question	this day	by	you					
G2919	G4594	G5259	G5216					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 23:6 (Resurrection): But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Acts 28:20 (Parallel theme): For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Acts 4:2 (Resurrection): Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.