

## Comparing the Trials of Jesus and Paul from Luke and Acts

<b>Circumstances: Pre-trials</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Paul</b>
<b>Journey to Jerusalem</b>	He was determined to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51	And now, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem... Acts 20:22
<b>Attempts to persuade them not to put their lives in jeopardy</b>	And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Luke 9:52-54	When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking and my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent. Acts 21:12-14
<b>Welcome in Jerusalem</b>	As soon as He was approaching near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen (v. 37). Luke 19:28-48	After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly (v. 17). Acts 21:17-26
<b>Arrest in Jerusalem</b>	Having arrested Him, they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest. Luke 22:54	Then all the city was provoked, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut (v. 30). Acts 21:27-36
<b>Intent to kill them</b>	The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people. Luke 22:2	When it was day, the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. (v. 12). Acts 23:12-15
<b>Both arrested by Jewish mobs while praying, then later turned over to Roman authorities</b>	<b>Gethsemane</b> And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray... Luke 22:39-46	<b>The temple</b> It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple (Acts 22:17) Acts 21:27-36, 22:17

<b>Circumstances: Trials</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Paul</b>
<b>Trials begin in front of a Jewish court</b>	When it was day, the Council of the elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber... Luke 22:66	But on the next day, wishing to know for certain why he [Paul] had been accused by the Jews, he [the commander] released him and ordered the chief priests and all the Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them. Acts 22:30
<b>They both appear before a Roman governor</b>	Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate. Luke 23:1	After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some of the elders, with an attorney named Tertullus, and they brought charges to the governor [Felix] against Paul. Acts 24:1
<b>Neither find guilt in their prisoner</b>	<b>Pilate speaking:</b> "...behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him." Luke 23:15	"...wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned. Acts 24:27 Note that later, King Agrippa states, "This man is not going worthy of death or imprisonment." Acts 26:31
<b>Both were sentenced to be scourged</b>	Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. John 19:1	...the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, stating that he should be examined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way. Acts 22:24 – Note that although Paul was sentenced to scourging, it was never carried out. "But when they stretched him out with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "It is lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?" ...Therefore, those who were about to examine him immediately let go of him." Acts 22:25, 29
<b>Both defend the concept of resurrection</b>	<b>Jesus responds</b> when the Sadducees question resurrection: "But the dead are raised, even Moses showed in the passage about the burning bush, where He calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB. Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him." Luke 20:29-38	<b>Paul argues</b> against the Sadducees view of the resurrection: "I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!" Acts 23:6-9

<p><b>While on trial, both were held in custody</b></p>	<p>Jesus, for a short time that He might not interrupt the Jewish festivals. Luke 22:63</p>	<p>Paul was sent away for two years as a prisoner of Governor Felix; allegedly to do the Jews a favor. Acts 24:27</p>
<p><b>They had an audience with a king</b></p>	<p><b>King Herod Antipas:</b> "Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length, but He answered Him nothing." Luke 23:8-9</p>	<p><b>King Agrippa:</b> "Then Agrippa said to Festus, 'I also would like to hear the man myself.' Acts 25:22 Agrippa replied to Paul, 'In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian' Acts 26:28</p> <p>Note additionally that Felix, the governor sent for Paul to hear him speak. "But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him speak about in Christ Jesus." Acts 24:24</p>
<p><b>Both willingly gave their life for the gospel</b></p>	<p><b>Jesus speaking:</b> "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it up again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on my own initiative." John 10:17-18a</p>	<p><b>Paul speaking:</b> "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering and the time of departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:6-8</p>