



## ANSWER GUIDE

### Acts to Revelation: Episode 12

Paul's Final Trip to Jerusalem & Caesarea

#### Discussion Questions and Answer Guide

1. What charge was brought against Paul that caused a riot in Jerusalem?

*Paul allegedly brought a non-Israelite into the sacred portion of the temple grounds. This was a major offense, even punishable by death. According to Roman Historian Josephus, there were numerous warning signs posted to that effect that separated the inner and outer courtyards of the temple. Although Luke's account tells us that Paul was wrongfully accused of bringing "Greeks" into the sacred place, the charge was enough to cause a riot.*

2. Who was the commander of the Roman troops that served in Jerusalem?

*Claudius Lysias commanded the Roman military serving at the Antonia Fortress in Jerusalem. Lysias was a military commander called a "tribune." Each regular tribune was responsible for 12 centurions and up to 1,000 soldiers.*

3. Who built Caesarea Maritima near the end of the first century BC?

*The city of Caesarea Maritima ("city of Caesar by the sea") was built by King Herod the Great between 22 and 10 BC.*

4. What revolutionary construction technique was used to create the harbor at Caesarea?

*The harbor at Caesarea is probably its most impressive feature -- believed to be the first artificial harbor in the world. It was built with a technique that used*

*hydraulic concrete made from special volcanic sand. This sand (known as pozzuolana) was the secret ingredient that allowed the concrete to form and harden underwater. Curing cement underwater was such a revolutionary process, that after the fall of the Roman Empire in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, the technology was lost to the world for hundreds of years.*

5. Who did Nero appoint to replace Felix as the Roman procurator serving at Caesarea?

*Porcius Festus. Roman historian Josephus records that in 60 AD Emperor Nero removed Felix from office because of local complaints against him. Festus was then appointed the new Roman procurator in Judea Province, serving at Caesarea until his death two years later.*