

# The gospel: unchained

## Testifying to the king

Acts 25:1–26:32

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Visitors: King Agrippa + Bernice

“...so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.” (26:22–23)

### Be certain:

#### 1. Jesus has fulfilled the long-promised hope

[The LORD] says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

(Isaiah 49:6, cf Isaiah 53)

#### 2. Through Paul, Jesus has completed the long-promised work

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:46–47)

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How might this passage change the way you think about what the gospel is?
- Which parts of this passage excite you as you think about speaking of Jesus?