

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Ministry After A Storm"
Acts 28:1-16
Study-48

Acts 28:1-10

Acts 27-28 – We are confronted by the unconquerable spirit of the Apostle Paul on display.

After Paul's Conversion, an Attempt Upon His Life Brought a Humbling Experience That Forever Changed Him – Acts 9:25; 2 Cor 11:33

2 Corinthians 4:7-11

The Key Verse For Acts, Which Is Also The Outline For Acts: Acts 1:8

Acts 1-7 – Witness to Jerusalem – "and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem,"

Acts 8-12 – Witness to Judea and Samaria – "and in all Judea and Samaria,"

Acts 13-28 – Witness to the Ends of the Earth – "and even to the remotest part of the earth."

1. Verses 1-11 – Ministry In Malta

2. Verses 12-16 – Arrival At Rome

1. Verses 1-11 – Ministry In Malta:

Acts 28:1

276 people on board, Acts 27:37

Acts 27:23-24

Acts 27:41-44

(Map) Malta or Melita, which means "refuge"; This was an island that was sparsely populated. 17 miles long by 9 miles in width; About 60 miles from the nearest point of Sicily.

Acts 28:2

"And the natives" – Phoenicians in origin, to the Greeks anybody who did not speak Greek was a "barbarian"

Acts 28:3

Satan uses all sorts of different things, storms and snakes. (2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Peter 5:8).

Note: The Viper Attacked Paul While He Was Serving Others!

Mark 16:18

Acts 28:4

"justice has not allowed him to live." – The Greek goddess of Fate Nemesis –

Romans 2:15

Judgment Will Come In This Life: Proverbs 26:27

Judgment Will Come In The Next Life: Psalm 37:35

I suggest the possibility of 5 different reasons for suffering:

1. Common Suffering – Job 5:6-7
2. Corrective Suffering – Jonah, Hebrews 12:5-11
3. Constructive Suffering – Romans 5:3-4
4. Christ-Glorifying Suffering – John 9:1-3
5. Divine Suffering – In the account of Job

Acts 28:5

Why Paul Did Not Panic: God had spoken and promised Paul that he was to testify, Acts 23:11; 27:24; Paul had the assurance of God's Word.

A Principle For Life & Ministry: When You Are Serving and Doing God's Will, And A Viper (Adversity, Attacks) Bites You, Shake It Off!

Colossians 3:1-2

Acts 28:6

Acts 14:11-12, 19

Acts 28:7

“leading man of the island” – or “Chief Official” is the exact technical term for the person representing Rome in that place.

“Publius” – name means “popular”

Acts 28:8

“afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery” – It is known today as “Malta Fever.” Discovered in 1887; The micro-organism which was traced to goats milk from the Maltese goats, lasted about 4 months, but can persist for 2-3 years.

Paul Took The Opportunity To Go And Pray:

Acts 28:9-11

“And at the end of three months” – November-February, March.

“Twin Brothers for its figurehead.” – “Twin Sons Of Zeus”, Castor and Pollux.

2. Verses 12-16 – Arrival At Rome:

(Map) Acts 28:12

(Map) Acts 28:13-14

(Map) “and thus we came to Rome.” – Julius and his party took the famous “Appian Way” and traveled 125 miles from Puteoli to Rome.

Acts 28:15

We would not know it, except the Scripture reveals that Paul was down and discouraged.

Acts 28:16

Philippians 1:12-14

Application:

1. Jesus Wants Us To Fit Into Our Circumstances: Storm, Shipwreck, Island, Serpent; We Need To Go With His Program.
2. Peace Versus Turmoil – The Storm, Shipwreck, Serpent; Paul Had Peace No Matter What, Because His Mind Stayed On Christ.
3. Determination – God Said to Testify In Rome, Then Rome Here I Come.
4. Trust In God, Rest In God, Move Forward By Faith To Do The Work God Has Called Us To Do: We Should Move Forward, Knowing God Is With Us and That He Is Leading Us Each Step Of The Way.

