

LESSON 8: ACTS 27:1-28:31

To Rome, at Last

1. Why is Paul's advice at Fair Havens ignored (vv. 9-12)? What would you have done?
2. Why does Paul share his faith and conviction with the crew and passengers (vv. 21-26)?
3. What does the angel mean by saying that God has graciously given to Paul the lives of his fellow passengers (vv. 23-24)? In emergencies and imminent danger, people reveal themselves for what they really are and display what they believe. Compare Paul's attitude and actions with those of the soldiers and sailors through the whole of this chapter.
4. What is Paul's impact on the island of Malta, and how do the people respond (28:3-10)?
5. What kind of welcome does Paul receive as he nears Rome (v. 15)? (By the way, the Forum of Appius is 43 miles from Rome, and Three Taverns is 33 miles from Rome.)
6. Why do you think Paul calls the Jewish leaders to him when he arrives in Rome (v. 17), and what does he discuss with them (vv. 17-22)? What is their response?
7. Why do you think that the Christians were being "spoken against" everywhere (vv. 22)? Is anyone speaking against you?
8. What point is Paul making by quoting the prophecy from Isaiah (vv. 25-28)?
9. In what ways are the Jews responsible for their own blindness and deafness to the Gospel (vv. 26-27)?
10. How does Paul spend his time while waiting for his trial date (vv. 30-31)? What impression is left regarding Paul and the Church as Luke ends his record?