

Paul's Voyage to Rome—Three Months at Malta (November 57 to January 58)

Acts 28:1–10

- 1 When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta.
- 2 The natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and received us all.
- 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand.
- 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live."
- 5 However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.
- 6 But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and *began* to say that he was a god.
- 7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.
- 8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying *in bed* afflicted with *recurrent* fever and dysentery; and Paul went in *to see* him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.
- 9 After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.
- 10 They also honored us with many marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they supplied *us* with all we needed.

Paul's Voyage to Rome—From Malta to Rome (February 58)

Acts 28:11–16

- 11 At the end of three months we set sail on an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had the Twin Brothers for its figurehead.
- 12 After we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.
- 13 From there we sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.
- 14 There we found *some* brethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.
- 15 And the brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the Market of Appius and Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.
- 16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

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