

Acts 28

Questions

1. How were Paul and his travelling companions treated on the island of Melita (28:1-2)?
2. How did the people of the island view Paul (28:3-8)?
3. What miracles did Paul perform on this island (28:7-10)?
4. What did the brethren from Rome do when they met Paul (28:11-15)?
5. What were Paul's living conditions when he got to Rome (28:16; see also v. 20, 23, 30)?
6. What part of Paul's past did he report to the chief Jews in Rome (28:17-20)?
7. How did these Jews respond to Paul's report (28:21-22)?
8. What did Paul preach to the Jews in Rome and what was their response (28:23-24)?
9. What word did Paul speak to these Jews before they departed (28:25-28)?
10. How long was Paul in Rome and how did he spend his time there (28:30-31)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where are the following located: the island of Melita (28:1), Syracuse (28:12), Rhegium and Puteoli (28:13), the Market of Appius and the Three Taverns (28:15), and Rome (28:16).
2. What is the “hope of Israel” that Paul speaks of in 28:20?
3. What is a “sect” and what (or who) does it refer to in 28:22?
4. What scripture from Isaiah did Paul quote to the Jews (28:25-27)?
5. What four epistles of Paul did he write during his two-year imprisonment in Rome (28:30-31)?
6. What three epistles of Paul did he write after he was released from this Roman imprisonment and before his death?

Applications for Today

1. If unbelievers can show kindness, surely we as Christians can show kindness to others (28:1-10; Gal. 5:22; 6:10; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 4:9; 2 Pet. 1:7).
2. Meeting with faithful brethren makes us thankful and gives us courage (28:14-15; 2 Cor. 7:16).
3. A Christian can be bound physically, but not allow the gospel to be bound (28:16, 30-31; 2 Tim. 2:9).
4. Christians are often spoken against (28:22; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16; 4:14-16).
5. Use scriptural arguments to tell others about God and Jesus (28:23; Lk. 24:26-27, 44).

6. Preaching the truth often brings positive and negative responses (28:24; Acts 13:42-51; 14:2-4; 17:4-5, 32-34; 18:6-8; 19:8-9).
7. When some people don't want the truth; don't give up; find others who do (28:25-28; Mt. 10:14).
8. Preach and teach to whomever you can and do so with all boldness (28:30-31; 2 Cor. 3:12; Eph. 6:19).
9. God will make opportunities for faithful Christians to proclaim his word without hindrance or being forbidden (28:31; Col. 4:3)