



Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus and Zoom class for Feb 20, 2022

Acts Ch 28 – Rome and Wrap

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *Feb 6, 2022 - Acts 25b. & 26*
- ✓ *Feb 13, 2022 – Acts 27*
- ✓ *Feb 20, 2022 – Acts 28 and wrap*
- *Feb 27, 2022 – New study*

Quick Review

- Paul and his shipmates were being driven by Typhoon winds and churning seas on their voyage to Rome
- *They were blown off course and Luke's description made vivid the perils of sailing in that day in the season most seamen wintered out the bad weather for spring*
- *For many reasons which I talked about last week, they chose to head off and got caught by violent winds*
- *After 2 weeks at sea with no sun or stars...only strong winds and rains they spotted an island and a bay which they made for to beach the ship*
- *Before they could reach shore the front of the ship hit a sandbar and the stern was torn to pieces*
- *A Message from the Lord to Paul said they would all be safe, and they arrived on the shore after swimming and clings to pieces of the ship*

Acts Ch 28:1-6

¹ *Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called **Malta**.*

² *The islanders showed us **unusual kindness**. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.*

³ *Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand.*

⁴ *When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, “This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the **goddess Justice** has not allowed him to live.”*

⁵ *But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.*

⁶ *The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said **he was a god**.*

Acts Ch 28:7-10

⁷ *There was an estate nearby that belonged to **Publius**, the **chief official of the island**. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for **three days**.*

⁸ *His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. **Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.***

⁹ *When this had happened, **the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.***

¹⁰ ***They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.***

Acts Ch 28:11-16

*¹¹ After **three months** we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island—it was an **Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux**.*

*¹² We put in at **Syracuse** and stayed there three days.*

*¹³ From there we set sail and arrived at **Rhegium**. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached **Puteoli**.*

*¹⁴ There **we found** some brothers and sisters who invited us to spend a week with them. **And so, we came to Rome**.*

¹⁵ The brothers and sisters there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged. ¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

Island of Malta (Added slide after presentation)



- *You can see where they beached the ship. By God's providence they avoided all the islands and outcroppings all around Malta*
- *Beached the ship and what is still called St. Paul's Bay*

Acts Ch 28 *From Malta to Italy*



Acts Ch 28

The Trip to Rome



Ancient Maps versus what Paul Saw



- Monsters live here

Acts Ch 28:17-20 *Paul preaches under guard*

¹⁷ Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans.

¹⁸ They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death.

¹⁹ The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people.

²⁰ For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

Acts Ch 28:21-23

21 They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you.

22 But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against **this sect.**”

23 They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He **witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus.**

Acts Ch 28:24-29

²⁴ *Some were convinced by what he said, but others **would not** believe.*

²⁵ *They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: **“The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet: (Isa 6:9-10) Septuagint***

²⁶ *“Go to this people and say,
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”*

²⁷ *For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.*

*Otherwise, they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’*

²⁸ *“Therefore I want you to know that **God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!**”*

²⁹ *After he said this, the Jews left, arguing vigorously among themselves.*

Acts Ch 28:30-31 The final words of Acts

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.

³¹ He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Document on the timeline of Acts

59-60 AD	Acts 27:1-28:13	Trip to Rome, Shipwreck		Burrhus prefect in Rome
60-62 AD	Acts 28:14-31	Prison in Rome, Hired house	Philemon; Colossians; Ephesians; Philippians	
63-67 AD		Release from prison: Macedonia, Crete, Troas, <u>Nicopolis</u>	<u>1Timothy; Titus;</u> Hebrews?	Great Fire in Rome July 64 AD, Christians blamed by Nero
67 <u>AD</u>		2nd Imprisonment, execution	II Timothy	
66-69 AD				Beginning of Jewish revolt against Rome

I will send it out and post on the website, but it places the context of Acts with other things.
It is not complete but a good Start to recap Acts

Next week

- *We will start a new study, and I will send out a note early in the week so you can read ahead*
- *Praise Him for the healing in our midst*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and leaders*
- *Pray for our Country, Counties, and Leaders*
- *Continue to Pray for healing of all the Covid and serious situations in our class and families*