

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 27

Acts 27:1-8

1. Who was Julius? What kind of man was he?
2. Why did they board a ship from Adramyttium that wasn't going to Italy?
3. Who was Aristarchus? (See Acts 19:29; 20:4; Colossians 4:10; Philemon 1:25)
4. What kind of ship did they board in Myra?
5. Why did they turn south and go below Crete, rather than to Cnidus, as they intended?

Acts 27:9-20

6. What was the point of Paul's warning in verse 10? Why did Julius not heed it? What would they have done if he had heeded it?
7. What was the purpose of passing ropes around (or under) the ship? (v. 17) What else did they do? (versions differ)
8. "Neither the sun nor the stars appeared for many days ..." — what was the import of that?

Acts 27:21-44

9. What did Paul say to the people on the ship? How did he know—especially the details?
10. How did the sailors know they were nearing land on the 14th night? What did they do?
11. Why is the lifeboat incident important?
12. What was Paul's exhortation just before dawn? Why?
13. Why does Luke report that there were 276 persons on board the ship?
14. Why did the soldiers want to kill the prisoners? Why didn't Julius let them do it?
15. How did they get to shore?

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Chapter 28

Acts 28:1-15

1. What can we deduce about the people of Malta?
2. Why was Paul gathering firewood?
3. What was the effect of the incident with the viper?
4. Paul prayed, and Publius's father was healed. What else occurred, and how was it different from Paul's usual experience in a new place?
5. How long were they on the island of Sicily?
6. What happened at Puteoli? At the Forum of Appius, and at the Three Taverns?
7. Luke has used over 50 verses to tell the details of Paul's journey to Rome. Why?

Acts 28:16-31

8. What did Paul do after arriving in Rome?
9. How was he received by the Jews?
10. What was the result of the meeting (v. 23)?
11. Verse 29 is left out of newer translations. Does it matter?
12. Why was Paul not brought to trial before the Emperor quickly?
13. How long was Paul in Rome? What did he do while he was there?
14. What happened after that?