

On to Rome!  
Acts 28:1-16  
June 11, 2023

Review: Storm & Shipwreck!

Refugees on Shore

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- GPS Location: Malta (Small Island south of Sicily)
- Unusual Hospitality: Fire – raining and cold
- Paul rolls “snake eyes”
  - Servant leadership – collecting firewood... Snakebit!
  - Observer’s expectation: Paul would swole up and die...
    - (Justice! – Escaped the sea, but not the snake!) Isa. 24:18;  
Amos 5:19
  - Reality: Paul is fine.

The House of Publius

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- Welcomed to the home of #1 chief
- His father was sick... (likely with Malta fever)
- Paul prayed and laid his hands on him – he was healed!
  - Compare with Luke 4:38-39
- The refugees left as guests of honor!

Travel to Rome

11-16

- Opening day for boating season!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Leg – To Syracuse in Sicily!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg – To Rhegium in Italy!
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg – To Puteoli – last time on board! (Favorable winds!)
- Welcoming arrival – the Brothers!
  - Brothers in Puteoli!
  - Brothers along the way – Forum of Appius & Three Taverns
  - Paul was encouraged!
- Rome at last!
  - House arrest with minimum security!

Keys:

- Paul – Trust and obey. God’s got this.
- Brothers – Took the time and energy to encourage Paul.

Application:

- Are you feeling snake bit? Trust and obey.
- Who are you encouraging?