

Paul Preaches at Rome!

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Acts 28:17-31

Review: LUKE/ACTS – Prologue – Lk 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2

- Act's key: Acts 1:8 (Rome Lk 2:1 -> Jer. 23:28/ Jer. Acts 1:4 -> Rome 28:16)

Story:

- Paul reaches out to his people **17-22**
 - Initial Meeting 17a
 - To the Jew first! (See Pisidian Antioch – Acts 13:12!)
 - Paul states his case 17-20
 - Explains the process –Here because of the hope of Israel
 - Reply: Out of Sight, Out of Mind 21-22
- Follow-Up Meeting **23-28**
 - Who, What, When, Where 23
 - Message on the kingdom of God – Starting with the Law of Moses and the Prophets! (see Luke 24:27 & Acts 13:17-41)
 - Listener's Response - 24
 - Some believed & Some would not believe (willful refusal)
 - Paul's Response 25-28
 - Holy Spirit!
 - Isaiah 6:9-10 (See Matthew 13:14-15)
 - Off to the Gentiles! (see Acts 13:46)
- Final Conclusion! **30-31**
 - Two years in house arrest awaiting trial 30
 - Boldly and without hindrance, he declared the Gospel
 - Without hindrance – HOUSE ARREST! (See Philippians 1:13)
- What about ACTS 29? (Intentionally open-ended!)

Keys:

- Paul – Willing to follow Jesus no matter what!
- Hearers – Some will. Some won't. So, what? Some will.
- Gospel – Life-transforming power for all who believe.

Application:

- Paul – Will you follow no matter what?
- Hearers – Don't refuse the call of the Word of God today!
- Gospel – Life transforming power – from Jerusalem to Rome... even to Chino Valley! (You are part of the story – ACTS 29!)