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### Acts 28:1-10

- At the island of Melita is where Paul is shipwrecked too – Acts 28:1
- Melita or Malta means **refuge**
- To a Greek anyone who didn't speak Greek was a barbarian
- These people nicely met Paul and the other 275 people – Acts 28:2
- Paul was then gathering firewood and was bitten by a viper
- This doesn't appear to be a small harmless snake but one that could have serious injury or death – Acts 28:6
- Paul was focused on having the mind of Christ – Philippians 2:1-13
- Was the snake a Satanic attack? – 1 Peter 5:8
- Regardless people were amazed at who Paul was and saw him differently
- The barbarians saw Paul as a **god** – Acts 28:6
- Paul later healed people the natives were so happy that they gave Paul whatever he needed for their journey onward – Acts 28:8-10
- Paul was on the island of Melita for around 3 months

### Acts 28:11-16

- Paul is departing on ship that has a name
- Castor and Pollux, were twin sons of **Zeus** and were known as the protectors of the men of the sea
- Many Roman ships would have this name or one similar
- It wasn't mentioned if all 276 people left on the boat or if some stayed behind
- It was clear Paul, Luke, Julius and the guards are headed off the island
- After some stops the south wind was where they needed it to be and took them along – Acts 28:13
- Somehow people got word that Paul and the other were coming to Rome
- Paul finally made it to Rome and people came out to greet them
- Paul was allowed to stay by himself with a soldier to guard him – Acts 28:16

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### Acts 28:17-27

- Paul was there 3 days before the leaders wanted to speak to him – Acts 28:17
- Paul pleads his case in verses 18-20
- Paul is appealing unto Caesar to hopefully be **free**
- The leaders shared that they haven't gotten any letters about him before
- They wanted to know more about Jesus – Acts 28:23
- This wasn't because they wanted to know him personally but for Rome's sake
- Paul agreed to meet up and used the opportunity to share the gospel with them
- It appears as if Paul did this **all** day – Acts 28:23
- Some people believed and other did not
- They left as Paul shared from Isaiah 6:9 and were not pleased
- Just like Paul shared, their eyes were shut and hearts were hardened to the gospel

### Acts 28:28-31

- Paul's summary of the ministry in Acts 28:28
- Paul stayed in Rome and was bold with the gospel
- Paul had to of gotten a job because he was living in Rome under his own expenses – Acts 28:30
- Paul stayed in Rome for **2** whole years
- Church tradition says that Paul was martyred in Rome
- It is thought that he was beheaded under the reign of Emperor Nero
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