

# *Acts of the Apostles*

## *A Bible Study*

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Grace's OASIS (On-line Adult Study in Spirit)  
Class/Discussion

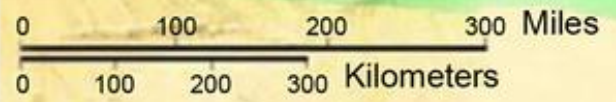
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WEEK 11: CHAPTERS 27-28



# MAP OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

- ← Paul's first journey
- ← Paul's second journey
- ← Paul's third journey
- ← Paul's voyage to Rome
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"



Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailor and his household believe

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul & Barnabas mistaken for gods Paul stoned

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

Paul sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

Jerusalem Conference c. 49-50 AD

Ship lost in storm Paul swims safely to shore

appeal to Caesar

# *Brief Introduction*

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## Acts 27:

- **Paul's perilous journey and shipwreck on Malta (27:1-44)**
  - Paul begins his journey to Rome, travelling as a prisoner under two centurions but continues to act with authority.
  - Against Paul's advice the ship leaves a port on Crete, is driven by a storm, and shipwrecked on Malta.

## Acts 28:

- **Paul miraculous months on Malta and ministry in Rome (28:1-38)**
  - Paul is miraculously unharmed by a snake bite and heals the father of prominent Roman official on Malta
  - Paul travels to Rome where he is able to continue his ministry, engaging the somewhat resistant Jews and proclaiming again that salvation has come to the gentiles.

# *Breakout Session 1:*

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What jumped out at you in these chapters?

Or what surprised you in these chapters?

Or what inspired you in these chapters?

Or what was new to you in these chapters?

## *Breakout Session 2:*

1. How does the Holy Spirit feature in these two chapters? What lessons can we take away?
2. How are Romans depicted? How are the Jews? And why? Relatedly, what do we make of Paul's rather pointed message for the Jews in 28:25-28?
3. There is much about the account of Paul that reminds us of Jesus, including miracles, and a resolve to minister even to the point of death. And yet the last chapters of Luke and Acts are very different. There is a kind of "journey to Jerusalem" but no passion narrative, even though we understand from tradition that Paul was martyred. Why?