

Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus and Zoom class for Feb 6, 2022

Acts Ch 27 – Paul sails to Rome

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Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *Feb 6, 2022 - Acts 25b. & 26*
- ✓ *Feb 13, 2022 – Acts 27*
- *Feb 20, 2022 – Acts 28 and wrap*
- *Feb 27, 2022 – New study*

I want to speak first about a call I received this week from HHS

Quick Review

- King Agrippa II and his wife and sister Bernice
- Governor Festus and his wife Drusilla (Bernice's sister)
- Local dignitaries drawn by the visit of Agrippa
- Paul's testimony covered his life **before Christ**, his **conversion experience**, and his **present life**, which is consistent with the Hebrew Scriptures (OT) and his **total commitment to following his "call" and duty to the Lord**.
- Paul was persuasive and totally focused on his mission from the Lord, but Agrippa was not moved to release him, even though they agreed he was innocent of the charges and request of the Jewish leaders.

Acts Ch 26:28-32 *Agrippa Reacts*

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

29 Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, **except for these chains.**”

30 The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them.

31 After they left the room, they began saying to one another, “This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.”

32 Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

Acts Ch 27:1-5 Paul begins his journey

*27 When it was decided that **we** would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a **centurion named Julius**, who belonged to the **Imperial Regiment**.*

*2 We boarded a ship from Adramyttium about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia, and we put out to sea. **Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us.***

*3 The next day we landed at **Sidon**; and **Julius**, in kindness to Paul, **allowed him to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs.***

*4 From there we put out to sea again and passed to the lee of Cyprus because **the winds were against us.***

*5 When we had sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at **Myra in Lycia***

Acts Ch 27 Map of Paul's journey to Rome



Acts Ch 27:6-8

⁶ There the centurion found an **Alexandrian ship** sailing for Italy and put us on board.

⁷ We made **slow headway for many days** and had difficulty arriving off Cnidus. When the wind did not allow us to hold our course, we sailed to the **lee of Crete, opposite Salmone.**

⁸ We moved along the coast with difficulty and came to a place called **Fair Havens**, near the town of **Lasea.**

Acts Ch 27: Map showing Fair Haven, Crete



- Wind blowing out of the Northeast to the south
- Lee side of Crete away from the wind
- Finally made it to Fair Haven
- Pulled into the harbor

Acts Ch 27:9-12 *Who is listening to Paul?*

⁹ Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was **after the Day of Atonement**. So, Paul warned them,

¹⁰ “Men, **I can see** that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, **and to our own lives also.**”

¹¹ But the centurion, **instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship.**

¹² Since the harbor was **unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.**

Acts Ch 27 Reasons for creating our own storms

Some of the reasons we give for encountering storms are of our own making

- ***They were late and would not wait any longer.*** Keeping the schedule was the primary thought of the captain and owner of the ship.
- ***They were following “expert” advice.*** They and the Centurion considered the pilot, the owner, and the seamen the better advice, and experts ...and Paul’s advice we listened to...***but not as expert.***
- ***A desire for comfort.*** Fair Haven was not a harbor for wintering. Small village, nothing to do, nothing to entertain the sailors and guards, and probably little food or watering holes... ***“we can’t winter here !”***
- ***Listening to the majority Opinion.*** We can understand this. Everyone takes a poll today to find out what people think, what they prefer, or what action they support. In this case, the ***“majority decided they should set out to sea”***

So, they spurned the advice of Paul and did what we do today.

The Q of the day was: Who is listening to Paul?

Acts Ch 27:13-20 *Giving up Hope*

¹³ When a **gentle south wind** began to blow, they saw their **opportunity**; so, they **weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete**.

¹⁴ Before very long, a wind of **hurricane force**, called the **Northeaster**, swept down from the island.

¹⁵ The ship was caught by the storm and **could not head into the wind**; so we gave **way to it and were driven along**.

¹⁶ As we passed to the **lee of a small island called Cauda**, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure,

¹⁷ so the men **hoisted it aboard**. Then they **passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together**. Because they were afraid, they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the **sea anchor** and let the ship be driven along.

¹⁸ We took such a **violent battering** from the storm that the next day they began to throw the **cargo** overboard.

¹⁹ On the third day, they threw the **ship's tackle** overboard with their own hands.

²⁰ When **neither sun nor stars** appeared for **many days** and the storm continued raging, **we finally gave up all hope of being saved**.

Acts Ch 27:21-26 *Who's listening to Paul now?*

²¹ After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.

²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed.

²³ Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' ²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶ Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

Acts Ch 27:27-32 *Chaos appears*

*27 On the **fourteenth night** we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors **sensed they were approaching land.***

28 They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep.

*29 Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped **four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight.***

30 In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow.

*31 Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, **“Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.”***

*32 So the soldiers **cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away.***

Acts 27:33-38. *Some Hope arrives*

*³³ Just before dawn **Paul urged them all to eat.** “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything.*

³⁴ Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.”

*³⁵ After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God **in front of them all.** Then he broke it and began to eat.*

³⁶ They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

*³⁷ Altogether there were **276 of us on board.***

*³⁸ When they had eaten as much as they wanted, **they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea***

Acts 27:39-41

***39** When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could.*

***40** Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach.*

***41** But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.*

Acts 27:42-44. *Safe at last*

42 The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping.

43 But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.

44 The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship.

In this way everyone reached land safely.

Exhausted, wet, lying on the beach in the storm...but safe

Who is listening to Paul now??

What is special then about being a Christian in rough waters”?

- *The **benefit** of being a Christian is NOT the absence of Storms in our life, but **the presence of God in the midst of the storm.***
- *The **lesson** of Christianity is that we want Him to deliver us, **but HE wants to mature and develop us.** We are too interested in getting to Rome, but God is more interested in **who we will be when we get there. Sometimes facing and enduring the storm is what we need.***
- *The **perspective** of Christianity is that **even in the fiercest of storms, God’s plan and desire will not be stopped. God is sovereign and in control***

Next week

- *Praise Him for the healing in our midst*
- *Pray for Barry Hoover as he presents the plan of Salvation*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and leaders*
- *Pray for our Country, Counties, and Leaders*
- *Continue to Pray for healing of all the Covid and serious situations in our class and families*
- *For the following week, Read Ch 28*