

Acts 27:1-28:16
The Slow Boat to Rome:
God's Guiding Providence
Lord's Day, September 6, 2015
(Morse)

Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem. | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria. | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth. | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Mob Defense	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Acts 21:27-36
Sanhedrin Defense	<u>Jerusalem</u>	Acts 22:30-23:10
Felix Defense	<u>Caesarea</u>	Acts 24:1-21
Festus Defense	<u>Caesarea</u>	Acts 25:1-12
Agrippa Defense	<u>Caesarea</u>	Acts 25:13-26:32
Jewish Defense	<u>Rome</u>	Acts 28:17-30

Section Verse: "Yet I urge you to keep your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on a certain Island." (Acts 27:24-25)

Section Theme: God uses "natural events" to carry Paul to Rome. In this case, the accomplishment of God's will does not depend solely on supernatural intervention, although Paul's credentials are validated by the appearance of an angel and by miraculous healings on Malta. Dr. Ironside said, "God is never nearer than when we cannot see His face. He is never closer than when we do not hear His voice. He is never undertaking for us more than at those times when His own name isn't mentioned." (Ezra 5:5; Proverbs 21:1)

Introduction:

I. From Port Caesarea to Port Sidon. 27:1-3

II. From Port Sidon to Port Myra. 27:4-5

III. From Port Myra to Port Cnidus. 27:6-7

IV. From Port Cnidus to Port Fair Havens. 27:7-8

V. From Port Fair Havens to Port Malta. 27:9-44

VI. Malta Ministry Completed on to Port Syracuse. 28:1-12

VII. From Port Syracuse to Port Rhegium. 28:13

VIII. From Port Rhegium to Port Puteoli. 28:13

IX. From Port Puteoli to Rome. 28:14-15

X. Arrival in Rome. 28:16

Lessons Learned:

1) Trust in the Veracity of God's Word.

2) Trust in the Power of the Gospel.

3) Trust in the Reliability of an Omnipotent God.

4) Trust in God's People-Let the Church be the Church.
