

## THE LORD FAITHFULLY ESCORTED PAUL TO ROME!

(Acts 28:1-16)

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### A. God's Miraculous Preservation of Paul on Malta (28:1-6)

1. In the two-week period, the severe storm had caused the Alexandrian ship to drift about 500 miles off course from Fair Havens, Crete to the island of \_\_\_\_\_; it is here that the ship ran aground on a sand bar and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 1)
  
2. As all 276 passengers waded to shore in the rain, the local people extended \_\_\_\_\_ and did their best to make them \_\_\_\_\_ by starting a fire to \_\_\_\_\_ them up. (v. 2)
  
3. After all that Paul had done for those on the ship, people should have been serving him! But instead, as a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Philip. 2:5-8) \_\_\_\_\_ was beneath him, and he \_\_\_\_\_ sticks for the fire. (v. 3)
  
4. Because the apostle had a poisonous \_\_\_\_\_ hanging from his hand, the Maltese people superstitiously assumed that their false gods had determined that \_\_\_\_\_ was served because he was a \_\_\_\_\_ murderer. (v. 4)
  
5. Paul merely shook the snake off into the fire but everyone was expecting his arm to \_\_\_\_\_ or for him to fall over \_\_\_\_\_; when this didn't happen, they supposed the complete opposite of him- that he was a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 5-6, cf., Acts 14:8-19)

## **B. Paul Performs Many Miracles on the Island (28:7-10)**

1. Publius, the Roman governor of the island invited several (if not all) of Paul's party to his home and \_\_\_\_\_ them for three days; Publius' father was \_\_\_\_\_ and Paul instantaneously \_\_\_\_\_ him. (vv. 7-8)
2. Once word traveled that Paul had the \_\_\_\_\_ to heal the sick, all those on Malta with diseases came to him, and he \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9, cf. Luke 4:38-41)
3. The Maltese people showed Paul and his party their appreciation in many ways, and showered them with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the trip; indeed, the \_\_\_\_\_ provided. (v. 10)

## **C. Paul's Voyage to Rome Continues (28:11-16)**

1. After spending the three winter months on Malta they set sail on another Alexandrian ship and arrived at three different ports; in Puteoli they \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ for seven days. (vv. 11-14)  
  
\* Like these believers in this seaport city, are you willing to open up your home to entertain Christians and to fellowship around the Lord?
2. The believers at Rome soon heard of Paul's coming, so they \_\_\_\_\_ as far as the Forum of Appius (\_\_\_\_\_ miles from Rome) and the Three Taverns (\_\_\_\_\_ miles from Rome) to meet him in person. (v. 15a)
3. Paul finally got to see the Roman Christians face to face, he was greatly \_\_\_\_\_ by them and he \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord; he was also given liberties by the captain of the guard. (v. 15b-16)

\* What can you personally apply from this passage?