

• LESSON 12 (December 25) •

Acts 27:1-28:31 • “And So We Came to Rome”

1. Acts 27 documents a great deal of difficulty as Paul, Luke, and others sail toward Italy. Take a moment to remind yourself of what Paul had experienced in Acts 23:11. What difference would this have made in the midst of this terrifying journey?
2. What do you make of what Luke records in Acts 27:21-26?
3. What does Acts 27:31-32 reveal about how Paul had come to be regarded by the centurion and the Roman soldiers?
4. Why would Paul have done what he did in Acts 27:35?
5. What did the native people of Malta believe was going to happen to Paul in Acts 28:4 and why did they believe it? Why have people held to this way of looking at difficult circumstances and events throughout human history?
6. Taking into account what we have learned throughout Acts up to this point, why would Paul have done what he did in Acts 28:7-10?
7. “And so we came to Rome” (28:14). Why do you think Paul had been so anxious for so long to arrive in Rome?
8. Why would Paul have made it a priority to speak with the local leaders of the Jews (28:17)?
9. How were the ancient words of Isaiah 6:9-10 applicable in Paul’s day? Are they still applicable, and if so, how?
10. Take the time to reflect on Luke’s closing summary in Acts 28:30-31. What does it mean, practically speaking, to proclaim “the kingdom of God” and teach about “the Lord Jesus Christ”?