

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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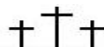
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PART 11B: PAUL'S RESTORATION

THE JOURNEY

- Historians have set the date of Paul's departure to August 59 A.D. It was customary for the Roman Army to rent space on commercial ships for passage to their destination. The prisoners were shackled like a chain gang and guarded by an officer and a detachment of soldiers. **Acts 27:1-2**
- It is obvious that the anointing from God had returned upon Paul, and just like Joseph, Paul found favor with Julius, the Roman Centurion. **verse 3**
- They came to the harbor of Fair Havens late in September and stayed in this harbor city until early October. **verses 4-8**
- When the time came to leave, Paul issued a strong warning to Julius, which went unheeded. **verses 9-12**
- God knew before the foundation of the world exactly how this voyage was going to end and designed it to be a testing ground for Paul and a testimony for the ages to come that God is able to deliver and take care of his people in all circumstances. *Nothing is impossible for God!* **verses 13-20**
- Paul exercised faith in God that is available to all believers in Christ in the midst of a terrible crisis. With no relief in sight, he made a bold proclamation. **verses 21-26**
- What God has said will come to pass! **Isaiah 45:21-22, 46:9-11, 55:6-11**
- It must have been a nerve wracking time for the people on the ship, as God's angels tossed the ship to and fro, all while Paul was standing in faith and disregarding the taunting of the Devil. **verses 27-29**
- Paul operated in the gifts of faith and prophecy; he told the centurion that the sailors should not to be allowed to abandon the ship. Julius had learned his lesson and heeded to the warning from Paul. **verses 30-32**
- Paul was the spiritual leader for the entire ship, and in faith and action, he showed his confidence in God. **verses 33-38**
- God faithfully delivered all 276 people on the ship safe and secure to land; they were wet, hungry and lost all their belongings but their lives had been spared. **verses 39-41**
- Satan tried to get a foot in the door and have Paul and the other prisoners killed but God prevailed again like he always does. **verses 42-44**



THE SIGN OF RESTORATION

The people on the island of Malta took pity on this group of people. God intended to save a number of people and He gave Paul a miracle to prove His power.
Acts 28:1-10

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

- About 1,950 years ago, 275 persons were given the privilege to sail on a ship with God's apostle. Each group on the ship had different thoughts and agendas.
- It was just another voyage for the sailors as they were on the ship to make money to support their families.
- There were businessmen and travelers who were thinking about the future and how to make more money.
- The Roman soldiers were there to guard against prisoners escaping and would face a harsh punishment if that happened.
- The prisoners were in a entirely different situation. They were on their way to Rome to be tried in the Roman court system and most likely thought about their fate; would they be set free, rot in prison or be executed?
- All these people have now been dead for some 1,900 years. How many were born again and are today in heaven? How many of them are in hell, awaiting final judgment and an eternity in the Lake of Fire?
- Were these people able to focus on eternity while on the ship or were they so bound up in their own desires that they could not see Jesus in Paul?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

IF YOU WERE TO DIE TODAY, WOULD IT BE HEAVEN OR HELL?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?