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The previous chapter ended: The soldiers plan was to kill the prisoners, so no one could swim away, and escape. But the centurion kept them from their plan, and willing to save Paul, he ordered those who could swim, to first jump overboard into the sea, and then get to the land: and the rest were to follow, some on boards, and some on the wreckage of the ship. And so it happened, that they all safely reached land.

Paul in Malta, and then to Rome,

¹ And when they were safely brought through the storm, then we found out the island was called Melita.

² And the natives showed amazing kindness: for due to the present rain and cold they ignited a fire, and received us all.

³ But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, then a snake came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

⁴ And when the natives saw the venomous snake hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.

⁵ However, he shook off the snake into the fire, and suffered no harm.

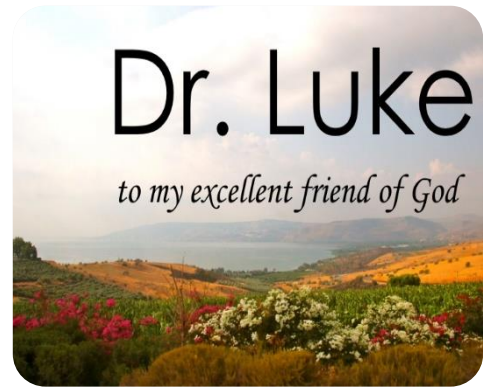
⁶ But they expected he was about to swell up, or suddenly fall down dead: but after they waited a long while, they saw no harm had come to him, and they changed their minds, and began to say, he was a god.

⁷ Now in the area adjacent to that place was a landowner – a leading man of the island, whose name was Publius; who welcomed us, and courteously stayed with us three days.

⁸ And it happened, that the father of Publius was lying in bed sick with a fever and dysentery: and Paul went to see him, and prayed, and laying his hands on him, healed him.

⁹ So after this happened, others also on the island, who had diseases, came and were healed:

¹⁰ And they also honored us with many marks of respect; and when we were to set sail, they supplied us with all that we needed.



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¹¹ And after three months we set sail on a ship from Alexandria, which had wintered at the island, whose sign was Castor and Pollux / the Twin Brothers.

¹² And after landing at Syracuse, we stayed there three days.

¹³ And from there we sailed around, and arrived at Rhegium: and one day later, the south wind blew, and on the next day we came to Puteoli:

¹⁴ There we found brothers, and were invited to stay with them seven days: and thus we came to Rome.

¹⁵ And the brothers when they heard about us, came from as far as the Market Appius, and Three Taverns to meet us: and when Paul saw them, he thanked God, and took courage.

¹⁶ And when we entered Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

¹⁷ And it happened, that after three days Paul called together the leading men of the Jews: and when they had come together, he began to say to them, Men and brothers, though I have done nothing against our people, or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

¹⁸ Who, when they had examined me, they were willing to let me go, because there was no case to charge me with death.

¹⁹ But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar; not that I had any accusation against my nation.

²⁰ So for this reason I requested to see you, and to speak with you: because I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel.

²¹ And they said to him, We have not received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brothers come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you.



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²² But we desire to hear from you your thoughts: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.

²³ And when they had set a day for him, many came to him at his lodging; and to them he explained and testified of the kingdom of God, trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the law of Moses, and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

²⁴ And some were persuaded by the things that were spoken, but others did not believe.

²⁵ And when they did not agree with one another, they left, after Paul had spoken one word: the Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,

²⁶ Saying, Go to this people, and say, You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; and you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive:

²⁷ For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they hardly hear, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and I should heal them.

²⁸ So let it be known to you, that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and that they will listen.

²⁹ And when he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.

³⁰ And Paul stayed two whole years in his rented house, and received all who came to him,

³¹ preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, unhindered.

[And then Paul went to Spain and other places.](#)

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