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## **The End of the Beginning**

### **Acts 28:11-31**

#### **I. Finally Arriving in Long Desired Destination of Rome (vv. 11-16)**

- A. Time to \_\_\_\_\_ a new ship (v. 11)  
[Acts 27:6; Psa. 46:1-3]
- B. Time to \_\_\_\_\_ their travel (vv. 12-14)  
[Acts 2:10, 28]
- C. Time to \_\_\_\_\_ the brothers from Rome (vv. 15-16)  
[1 Thes. 4:17; Mk. 6:49-50; Acts 1:8]

#### **II. Faithfully Addressing the Jews with the Gospel from the OT (vv. 17-24)**

- A. A \_\_\_\_\_ of how Paul got there (vv. 17-19)  
[Acts 28:21; Rom. 1:16; Acts 24:26-27; 26:30-32; Phil. 3:5]

- B. An \_\_\_\_\_ to hear of the hope of Israel (vv. 20-22)  
[Acts 23:6; 24:15; 26:6-7]

- C. An \_\_\_\_\_ of the OT pointing to Christ (vv. 23-24)  
[Col 1:13; Rom. 14:17; Jn. 14:6; Matt. 7:12; Lk. 16:16; Acts 13:15ff, Rom. 3:21-22; Acts 14:4; 17:4-5]

#### **III. Fearlessly Announcing a Judgment Passage to the People (vv. 25-31)**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage from Isaiah (vv. 25-27)  
[Jer. 7:25-26; 2 Kgs. 17:13; Matt. 21:33-41; 2 Pet. 1:21; Isa. 6:9-11; Matt. 13:14-15; Jn. 12:39-40; Rev. 22:11]
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the focus to the Gentiles (v. 28)  
[Rom. 11:1-2, 19-26; Zech. 12:10]
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ narrative of the book of Acts (vv. 30-31)  
[Phil. 1:13; 4:22; Col. 4:10-12; Phlm. 24; Rom. 15:22-28]

#### **TAKE HOME:**

- How did Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to Rome demonstrate God's faithfulness and God's plan? How does this encourage you in your own life?
- What can we learn from Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ use of the Law and the Prophets in order to preach the gospel?
- How does the \_\_\_\_\_ narrative of the book of Acts encourage you to preach the gospel with boldness and resolve?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read Acts 28:11-14. As Paul and his companions board their new ship, what do we learn? What do you believe happened while Paul was in Syracuse, Rhenium, and Puteoli? How is hospitality demonstrated? (Acts 27:6; Psa. 46:1-3; Acts 2:10,28)

2. Read Acts 28:15-16. Why do you think that these brothers traveled so far from Rome to meet Paul? (1 Thes. 4:17; Mk. 6:49-50) What condition was Paul in when he finally arrived in the city of Rome? In spite of this, how does this fulfill God’s plan? (Acts 1:8)

3. Read Acts 28:17-19. What does Paul do in these verses? How do the Jews respond in verse 21? Why do you think Paul took this approach? (Acts 28:21; Rom. 1:16; Acts 24:26-27; 26:30-32; Phil. 3:5)

4. Read Acts 28:20-22. What is the real message that Paul wants to bring to the Jews in Rome? How does he indicate this? How is he tactful in this approach? (Acts 23:6; 24:15; 26:6-7)

5. Read Acts 28:23-24. How long did it take Paul to make his argument? What do you think about that? Why did Paul use his OT? Where do you typically start when you start the gospel? (Col 1:13; Rom. 14:17; Jn. 14:6; Matt. 7:12; Lk. 16:16; Acts 13:15ff, Rom. 3:21-22; Acts 14:4; 17:4-5)

6. Read Acts 28:25-27? Why does Paul refer to this passage? Where is it from? Who else referred to this passage? What is its basic meaning? (Jer. 7:25-26; 2 Kgs. 17:13; Matt. 21:33-41; 2 Pet. 1:21; Isa. 6:9-11; Matt. 13:14-15; Jn. 12:39-40; Rev. 22:11)

7. Read Acts 28:28-31. How does the book end? Where is the emphasis of the gospel going? What does that mean for the Jews? How did Paul’s life end? Why do you think Luke ended Acts in the way that he did? (Rom. 11:1-2, 19-26; Zech. 12:10; Phil. 1:13; 4:22; Col. 4:10-12; Phlm. 24; Rom. 15:22-28)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what we have learned from this passage?

God did great things during Paul’s difficult years and despite his personal and circumstantial limitations. As Paul wrote shortly before being martyred for Christ, ‘I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!’” (2 Tim. 2:9)

- Kent Hughes, *Acts: The Church Afire*