



WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Acts Chapter 28

Lesson 22

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. How did Paul's adventures in Acts 27 impress you?
2. The Acts of the Apostles did not end with Acts 28. **No!** This is just *all that Jesus began both to do and teach* (Acts 1:1). God has continued throughout the ages until this present day to proclaim the transforming power of the Gospel to all the world!

Acts 28 is not the end of Paul's ministry either, although it is Luke's last record of his ministry. For the next two years, Paul ministered in Rome and wrote epistles to the churches of Ephesus, Philippi, and Colossae, as well as letters to Philemon and Timothy. These letters continue to minister to the believers today. God is still recording the ongoing work of the Spirit in the world. Our lives and witness for Christ are all being written in the heavenly archives. Write a title to summarize the event of each of the sections marked below:

- a. Acts 28:1-10
 - b. Acts 28:11-16
 - c. Acts 28:17-24
 - d. Acts 28:25-31
3. Prayer is powerful. Don't limit God by not asking. Write your prayer here.

When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

Acts 28:15b

SECOND DAY: Read Acts 28:1-10

1. Having *escaped* from the shipwreck, Paul and the others found themselves on the island *called Malta*. From Acts 28:2 remark on the treatment they received from the *natives*.

2. Review the events of Acts 28:3-6 and comment on what happened.
 - a. Link this episode with Luke 10:19-20. What do you see?

 - b. What were the natives *expecting* to happen to Paul? Acts 28:6a

 - c. What happened instead? Acts 28:6b
 - (1) How do you see God working in this?

3. Describe Publius from Acts 28:7.
 - a. What occurred when Publius' *father lay sick of a fever*? Acts 28:8b
 - (1) From Acts 28:9-10 describe the effects of this on the *rest of those on the island*.
 - (a) Connect these events with Luke 10:8-9 and comment.

4. How do you see God using the shipwreck on Malta?

5. What do you think God was communicating to Paul through all that happened?

THIRD DAY: Read Acts 28:11–16

1. What did Paul and the others do *after three months* in Malta? Acts 28:11

2. Document their journey from Acts 28:12–13.

3. What happened when they *came to Puteoli*? Acts 28:14a
 - a. How do you think Paul and his companions felt when they *found* these believers?

4. From Puteoli they continued *toward Rome* (Acts 28:14b). What did the *brethren* from Rome do when they *heard about* them? Acts 28:15a
 - a. Consider that the *Appii Forum* was 43 miles from Rome, and *Three Inns* was 33 miles away. What does this convey about these believers?
 - (1) Remark on Paul's response to this. Acts 28:15b

 - (2) Share the benefits you have received from fellowship with other believers.

5. From Acts 28:16 contrast the treatment of the rest of the *prisoners* with that of Paul.
 - a. Why do you think Paul was treated differently?

6. How do you see God's favor on Paul?
 - a. How does this minister to you concerning your trials?

FOURTH DAY: Read Acts 28:17-24

1. What did Paul do *after three days* in Rome? Acts 28:17a
2. What did Paul make clear about his deliverance *into the hands of the Romans*? Acts 28:17b
3. What was the Romans' verdict concerning Paul? Acts 28:18
 - a. How had the Jews forced Paul's hand? Acts 28:19
4. After explaining why he *called for* them, what did Paul declare to be the cause of his *chain*? Acts 28:20b
 - a. Use the following Scriptures to comment on the *hope* to which Paul referred:
 - (1) Luke 1:32, 54-55, and 69-70
 - (2) Acts 26:6-8
 - (a) How is this same Messianic *hope* a blessing to you? See 1 Peter 1:3.
5. What did these Jews say in response to Paul? Acts 28:21
 - a. Why did they *desire to hear from* Paul? Acts 28:22
6. Use Acts 28:23 to describe Paul's meeting with the Jews.
7. Remark on the response to Paul's message. Acts 28:24
8. What aspect of Paul's message do you wish you could have heard, and why?

FIFTH DAY: Read Acts 28:25–31

1. When the Jews *did not agree among themselves*, what did Paul conclude about them? Acts 28:25b
 - a. Read Paul's *word* to the Jews in Acts 28:25b–27. Why was this a fitting warning to them?
 - (1) Link this with Hebrews 3:7–11. What do you see?
 - (2) How do you see these prophecies still being fulfilled?
2. What did Paul declare to the Jews because of their unbelief? Acts 28:28
 - a. How did the Jews react *when he had said these words*? Acts 28:29
 - (1) Connect *these words* with Deuteronomy 32:21 and Romans 11:11. Share your thoughts.
3. Describe Paul's living situation from Acts 28:30.
4. Use Acts 28:31a to comment on what Paul was:
 - a. *preaching*
 - b. *teaching*
 - (1) From Acts 28:31b remark on why he was able to do this.
5. During these two years Paul wrote the epistles of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. How do you see the Holy Spirit working through Paul's imprisonment?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Use Acts 28 to note and comment on the work of the Spirit in:

a. Paul's time on Malta (verses 1-10)

b. Paul's travel to Rome (verses 11-15)

c. Paul's house arrest (verses 16-25)

d. Paul's continuing ministry (verses 28-31)

2. Share a way you see the work of the Spirit, that began in Acts, continuing on today.

Paul ... received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.
Acts 28:30-31