

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 28

What we will see in this chapter:

- What happened on the island of Malta
- What happened when Paul reached Rome

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes. The map in section 4 shows you Paul's journey.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 6	1. What did the natives of Malta do and how did they react to Paul?	The people of Malta took care of them. They thought that Paul was a god when he felt no harm after a viper bite.
7 to 10	2. How did Paul help Publius?	Paul healed the father of Publius.
11 to 16	3. What places did they visit on the final stage of their journey? <i>(You can find them on the map in section 4.)</i>	Syracuse, Rhegium, Puteoli, The Market (or Forum) of Appius, The Three Taverns, Rome.
17 to 22	4. On arrival at Rome, what did Paul tell the leading Jews and why did he say he was chained?	He told them that, although he had done nothing against their people or the customs of their fathers, he was still arrested. The Romans wanted to set him free but, when the Jews objected, he appealed to Caesar. He told them that it was because of the hope of Israel that he was chained.
23	5. What did Paul spend his time explaining to the Jews?	He was explaining about God's Kingdom, and persuading them about Jesus, from the law of Moses and the prophets.
24 to 29 <i>Text note: Paul quotes Isaiah 6 v 9 & 10,</i>	6. What did Paul say to those who disagreed with him?	Paul said that Isaiah was right when he predicted the Jews' refusal to listen to God's message. The Gentiles however would listen.

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30 & 31	7. What did Paul spend the next two years doing?	He was preaching God's Kingdom, and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Paul considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 28.

Bible verse(s)	Suggested note(s)
v 23	Jesus' work is prophesied in the law and prophets.
v 28	Salvation is being offered to all nations.
v 31	Paul's message is about the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ.

4 Map of Paul's journey from Malta to Rome

