

THE VOYAGE TO ROME (Part 4 of 5)

Three Months at Malta, then → Rome

THE WORLD, THE FLESH, & SATAN: *Allegories on Multiple Levels*

Acts 27: 41 But striking a reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves

44 and the rest should follow, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land.

Acts 28: 1 When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that the island was called Malta.

2 The natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and received us all.

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

4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they began saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, ~~justice~~ **Justice** has not allowed him to live."

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

1 John 5:18 He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

- 6** But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.
- 7** Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.
- 8** And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

2 Timothy 4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth, ~~but Trophimus I left~~ but **I left Trophemus** sick at Miletus.

- 9** After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.
- 10** They also honored us with many marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they supplied us with all we needed.
- 11** At the end of three months we set sail on an Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had the Twin Brothers for its figurehead.
- 12** After we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.
- 13** From there we sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli {i.e., Pozzuoli}.
- 14** There we found ~~some brethren~~ **brothers**, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.