

**THE VOYAGE TO ROME** Part 4  
**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 had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

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