

Acts 28:1-10 *God's Perfect Timing – Trusting God at all times*

Context: Paul is three months at Melita (*Malta*) with Barbarians

1. The *barbarous* people showed great kindness to the survivors.
 - ✓ Once on the shore of the island Melita, they were greeted by Barbarians.
 - ✓ The Barbarians showed them no little kindness because of the rain and cold.
2. The *barbarous* people had an established form of superstitious religion.
 - ✓ The Barbarians were on a remote island cutoff from main-stream civilization.
 - ✓ What the Barbarians believed:
 - Their belief system where they defined right and wrong.
 - They believed Paul was a murderer because of what happened to him.
 - They believed in a providential judgment process called “vengeance.”
 - They believed evildoers would be rewarded for their evil deeds.
 - They believed a lack of an evil result meant that Paul was a god.
 - ✓ The Barbarians easily changed their minds on what they believed to be true.
3. As a result of the shipwreck, Paul was able to heal the father of Publius.
 - ✓ Paul used his apostolic gift available to him for that time in history.
 - ✓ By God's providence...
 - Paul was on the island *at the right place* to save the man.
 - Paul was on the island *at the right time* to save the man.
4. Others, which had diseases and came, were healed and were used by God to provide for the needs of Paul and the others headed for Rome.
 - ✓ God allowed Paul to heal many others while his thorn in the flesh remained.
 - ✓ In the end, God used the Barbarians to provide for the needs of Paul and others.

Personal Applications

1. What did God speak to you about tonight? What does He want you to do differently beginning now?
2. Have you taken ownership of the Gospel ministry personally? Are you ready to advance the Gospel?