# WORSHIP NOTES

## 11-22-26 - The Final Chapter...or is it? ACTS 28

## THE BOOK OF ACTS SERIES

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 69:30 ESV 30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:7 NLT 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Revelation 11:17 NIV 17 ..."We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

## God's Word for Today & Message

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

[6] Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

[7] He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

[8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

[9] After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.






Acts 28:1-31 NIV

**28** Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.

[2] The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

[3] Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand.

[4] When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live."

[5] But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

[6] The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

**The Holy Spirit "ACTS" to keep the mission on course!**

[7] There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.

[8] His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.

[9] When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.

[10] They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

**The Holy Spirit "ACTS" to provide what is needed, when it is needed! ~Part 1**

[11] After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island—it

was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux.

[12] We put in at Syracuse and stayed there three days.

[13] From there we set sail and arrived at Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached Puteoli.

[14] There we found some brothers and sisters who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome.

[15] The brothers and sisters there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged.

[16] When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

**The Holy Spirit "ACTS" to provide what is needed, when it is needed! ~Part 2**

[17] Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans.

[18] They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death.

[19] The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people.

[20] For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

[21] They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you.

[22] But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect.”

[23] They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus.

[24] Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe.

[25] They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

[26] “ ‘Go to this people and say, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

[27] For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

[28] “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!” [29]

**The Holy Spirit "ACTS" to fulfill the promises of God!**

[30] For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.

[31] He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

**The Holy Spirit "ACTS" to provide courage for the cause!**

1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."
--The Apostle Paul

**QUESTIONS:**

**ARE YOU ON THE MISSION? ARE YOU ENGAGED?**

**DO YOU TRUST IN HIM TO PROVIDE ALL THAT IS NEEDED IN YOUR LIFE? DO YOU GIVE HIM PRAISE AND THANKS FOR ALL HE'S DONE?**

**IF YOU WERE TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HOW WOULD YOU SEE YOURSELF FULFILLING THE MISSION?**

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