

# Tragedy and Triumph

Acts 28.23-31

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## A Surprising End of the Journey

- Surprise 1: Paul reaches the end of this crazy journey with little fanfare.
- Surprise 2: Luke makes little of Paul's encounter with the church in Rome.
- Surprise 3: The climax is not about Paul's trial.



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## Paul Ministers in a Context of Tragedy

- The setup: Paul reaches out to Jews as he's done before.
- The response he receives reflects the tragic backdrop of ministry.
- We need to see our own tragic context for ministry.



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## The Deeper Truth of Triumph

- The abrupt ending of Acts leaves us with triumph.
- The ending is itself a beginning.
- Tragedy is the context for triumph.



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