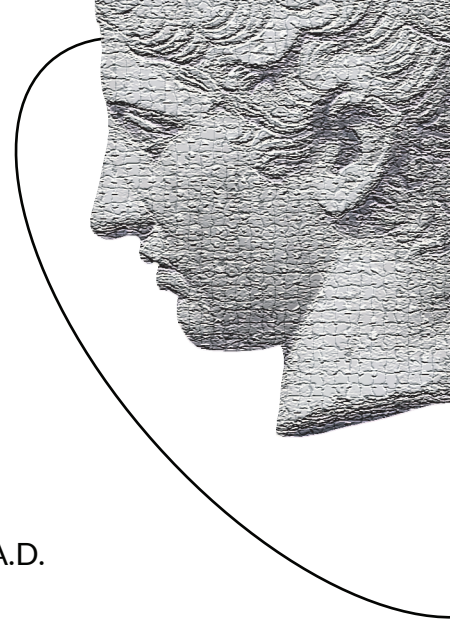




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when.

- Paul's ship wintered on the island of Malta from approximately 59-60 A.D.
- Paul was kept in house arrest in Rome for 2 years from approximately 60-62 A.D.

characters.

- **Paul (Saul)** – An Apostle who was being sent to Rome to stand trial before Caesar.
- **Maltese** – Native people of Malta who showed hospitality to the people in Paul's ship.
- **Publius** – The chief man of the island of Malta.
- **Jewish Leaders in Rome** – Paul met with them and taught them about Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

where.

- Chapter 28 opens with Paul on the Island of Malta. He departed Malta on his way to Rome, stopping in Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli along the way.



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outline.

- PAUL'S SHIPMATES ARE WELCOMED BY THE MALTESE (28:1-10):
 - + After Paul's ship wrecked on Malta, the local people showed them great hospitality.
 - + When Paul was gathering sticks for a fire, a poisonous viper bit his hand.
 - + The locals assumed Paul was a murderer and the gods wanted him dead.
 - + But when Paul was unaffected by the venom the locals decided he was a god.
 - + Publius, the "chief man" of the island, hosted Paul and his company for three days.
 - + Publius' father was sick with "fever and dysentery" and Paul healed him.
 - + Afterwards, all the sick people on the island came to Paul and were healed.
- PAUL'S SHIP DEPARTS FOR ROME (28:11-16):
 - + After 3 months, Paul's company set sail for Rome.
 - + They stopped in Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli where they stayed with some believers for 7 days.
 - + When they finally arrived in Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with a soldier who guarded him.
- PAUL REMAINS IN ROME AND TALKS WITH THE JEWISH LEADERS (28:17-31):
 - + After 3 days, Paul called the local leaders of the Jews to meet with him.
 - + He told them he was a prisoner because the Jews from Judea and Asia hated him.
 - + The local Jews told Paul they hadn't received any news about him and were curious to hear his beliefs.
 - + On an appointed day, many Jews from the area came to Paul's house and listened to him teach about Jesus from "morning till evening."
 - + A disagreement arose between them because some believed but others rejected Paul's words.
 - + The group left after Paul became frustrated with them and told them God was sending the message of salvation to the Gentiles.
 - + Paul remained in house arrest for 2 years and proclaimed the Kingdom of God to those who visited him.

application.

- No matter what your circumstances, find ways to serve others and serve the Lord.
- If I had to spend two years in house arrest after being falsely accused, transported across the sea, and shipwrecked, I would likely be tempted to sit and pout.
- But Paul got to work within three days of arriving in Rome.
- No matter where we are, no matter what our circumstances, we can serve others and serve the Lord and do our best to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

