


Acts 28:4 Obvious to people that many were prisoners. Assumed Paul to be murderer.

Their philosophy: when divine vengeance takes over, a man if often punished in a manner similar to offence.

Phillips: The islanders had a ready explanation, one that could only have occurred to those who did not know Paul—he was a murderer. He had escaped the sea but not the gods. Neptune had failed to take him, so Nemesis had taken him. It was a case of poetic justice.

Viper—fastened to hand. Therefore, he must’ve murdered someone with hand.

Acts 28:5 And he shook off the beast …. Mark 16:17-18

Not crisis. God in charge. … Looking at circumstance out of peripheral. Faith in faithfulness of awesome God! God promised he would make it to Rome!

Acts 28:6 The Maltese people watching in amazement

God uses miracle to authenticate apostle.

People misinterpret message.

Acts 28:7 In the same quarters Home of governor, Publius

Acts 28:9 Came, and were healed: God brought people to Paul.

Acts 28:10 Honoured us. Placed great value on us. Expressed appreciation!

I. Power of Influence

A. Man of Prayer 28:8 prayed for father of Publius. 16:25 20:36 21:5

B. Man of Spiritual Power. Filled with Holy Spirit. 13:9­11; 14:8; Ch 16

II. Boldness

❖ Prayed in front of 275 passengers.
❖ Not cocky or proud, obnoxious and rude.
❖ Not looking for a fight
❖ Preached on steps of temple…steps of castle as Jews shouting and throwing dust into air.
❖ To crewmen and captain of ship, ”Ye should’ve hearkened!”

III. Right Focus. Expectations on God, not man.

• Kicked out of cities…
• Taken advantage of by politicians
• Ignored by Jewish believers in Jerusalem
• Put in prison…
• Beaten and left for dead.
• Shipwrecked.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me,…

What would it take for you to quit?