

THE MALTESE

ACTS 28:1-15

How did you see God working in your life this week?

BACKGROUND: Even “good” people need a savior! God’s special treat for Paul was for him to minister to wonderful but needy people on a beautiful island!

SAW HUMILITY. Paul’s willingness to pitch in and work helped the Maltese to identify with Paul. The serpent and Satan were not stopping God’s man! (**Acts 28:1-6, fn 28:3, fn 28:6, Philippians 2:1-11, fn 2:3, fn 2:5-11[2nd], Titus 3:1, 2**) *How could your humility help your extended family come to Christ?*

SAW HEALING. Publius’ father was sick with a gastric fever caused by a bacterium found in goat’s milk. John B. Polhill, The New American Commentary, Acts, Vol. 26, p. 533. Paul healed him and the rest of the diseased people on the island. As a result, according to legend, the people who lived on the whole island became Christians. (**Acts 28:7-9, fn 28:7, 8, Acts 14:1-4, fn 14:3,4, James 5:13-16, fn 5:15, John 14:8-14, John 20:29-31**) *Why do “good” people need to see the work of God?*

GAVE HONOR ALONG WITH THE ROMANS. The people of Malta honored Paul when he left the island. The men from Rome gave honor to Paul when he arrived. It seems that this could have been God’s way to say to Paul, “Well done, my good and faithful servant!” (**Acts 28:28:10-15, fn 28:15[1st], fn 28:15[2nd], Matthew 25:14-30, fn 25:29,30, Philippians 2:25-29, fn 2:29, 30, Daniel 12:3, fn 12:3, Philemon 6,7, fn 4-7, I Corinthians 16:17, 18**) *How has God encouraged you in your ministry?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others?

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

