

“You Should Have Listened to the Preacher”
Acts 27:9-11, 21

Introduction: Why would Luke devote such a long section of his book to a description of a voyage and shipwreck? Surely he could have summarized the account for us! But Luke was a skilled writer, inspired by the Spirit of God, and he knew what he was doing. For one thing, this exciting report balances the speeches that we have been reading and brings more drama into the account. Also, Luke was an accurate historian who presented the important facts about his hero and his voyage to Rome.

Body: In Paul’s journey to Rome, we see the great apostle in four important roles.

- I. Paul the Counselor Acts 27:1-20
- II. Paul the Encourager Acts 27:21-44
- III. Paul the Helper Acts 28:1-10
- IV. Paul the Preacher Acts 28:11-31

➤ Notice an in depth study of chapter 27:

- I. The Start of the Voyage Acts 27:1-2
 - A. The Committal v. 1
 - B. The Course v. 2

- II. The Stops in the Voyage Acts 27:2-8
 - A. Sidon: A Medical Note v. 3
 - B. Mira: A Military Note vs. 4-6
 - C. Fair Havens: A Maritime Note vs. 7-8

- III. The Storm during the Voyage Acts 27:9-19
 - A. The Sensible Warning vs. 9-12
 - 1. Paul’s Warning was Reasonable vs. 9-10
 - a. His Explanation v. 9
 - b. His Experience v. 10
 - 2. Paul’s Warning was Rejected vs. 11-12
 - a. There was the Voice of Expertise v. 11
 - b. There was the Voice of Expediency v. 12
 - B. The Seducing Wind v. 13
 - C. The Surging Waves vs. 14-19
 - 1. The Mighty Tempest vs. 14-15
 - 2. The Multiple Troubles vs. 16-19
 - a. The Launch v. 16
 - b. The Leakages v. 17a
 - c. The Location v. 17b
 - d. The Lading vs. 18-19

- IV. The Stress of the Voyage Acts 27:20-29
 - A. A Fading Heart v. 20
 - B. A Faithful Heart vs. 21-26
 - 1. A Note of Chastening v. 21
 - 2. A Note of Cheer vs. 22-24
 - 3. A Note of Challenge vs. 25-26

- V. The Strife from the Voyage Acts 27:30-44
 - A. Caused by the Sailors—How Paul Saved the Passengers vs. 30-37 (v. 31)
 - B. Caused by the Soldiers—How Paul Saved the Prisoners vs. 38-44 (vs. 41-44)

Conclusion: Notice what was jeopardized (v. 10) during the journey because the centurion would not listen to Paul. (v. 11)

- 1. Their Ship v. 15
 - a. They Labored on the Ship v. 17
 - b. They Lightened the Ship vs. 18, 38
 - c. They Loosed the Ship vs. 39-40
 - d. They Lost the Ship vs. 41, 44
 - 2. Their Supplies
 - a. Their Tackling v. 19
 - b. Their Boat vs. 29-32
 - c. Their Food v. 38
 - 3. Their Spirits v. 20
 - 4. Their Stomachs vs. 33-34
 - 5. Their Souls vs. 10, 37
- What kind of wrecks could you have prevented in your life if you would only have listened to the preacher? (v. 21)