

# Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sermon Scriptures

**Acts 28:1, 2** **1** ¶ When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that **the island was called Malta.** **2** The natives **showed us extraordinary kindness**; for because of **the rain** that had set in and because of **the cold**, they kindled a fire and **received us all.**

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**Acts 28:3-6** **3** But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, **a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand.** **4** When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, **they began saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live."** **5** However **he shook the creature off** into the fire and **suffered no harm.** **6** But **they were expecting** that he was about **to swell up or suddenly fall down dead.** But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, **they changed their minds** and *began* to say that **he was a god.**

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**Acts 28:7-9** **7** ¶ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the **leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us** courteously three days. **8** And it happened that **the father of Publius** was lying *in bed* afflicted with **recurrent fever and dysentery**; and **Paul went in to see him** and after he **had prayed**, he laid his **hands on him and healed him.** **9** After this had happened, the **rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.**

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**Acts 28:10** They also **honored us with many marks of respect**; and when we were setting sail, **they supplied us with all we needed.**

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**Acts 28:11-14** **11** ¶ **At the end of three months** we set sail on **an Alexandrian ship** which **had wintered** at the island, and which had the **Twin Brothers for its figurehead.** **12** After we put in **at Syracuse**, we stayed **there for three days.**

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**13** From there we **sailed around and arrived at Rhegium**, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we **came to Puteoli.**

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**14** There we **found some brethren**, and were invited to stay **with them for seven days**; and thus we **came to Rome.**

**Rom. 1:10** always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now **at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.**

**Rom. 1:13** I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, **that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far)** so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

**Rom. 1:7** ¶ to all who are **beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Rom. 16:25-27 25** ¶ Now to **Him who is able to establish you** according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,**

**26** but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of **the eternal God**, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;

**Rom. 16:27** to the **only wise God, through Jesus Christ**, be the **glory forever**. Amen.

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