

Acts 28:13 – 28:31

v13 – set sail	(phrase)	started a trip travelling by boat
v13 – Rhegium	(place)	a city located at on the coast in southern Italy
v13 – Puteoli	(place)	a coastal city close to Naples, Italy
v15 – Forum of Appius	(place)	a postal station on the Appian Way (an important travelling route from Rome)
v15 – Three Taverns	(place)	a place on the Appian Way designed for travellers to stop at overnight.
v15- at the sight of	(phrase)	the act of seeing something
v15 – encouraged	(verb)	having been given hope (in something or someone)
v17 – assembled	(verb)	gathered together, came together
v17- customs	(pl. noun)	activities that are traditional for a group of people
v18 – ancestors	(pl. noun)	older relatives from many generations before
v17 – arrested	(verb)	taken charge of because of the belief that you have broken the law
v18 – examined	(verb)	looked at carefully
v18 – release	(verb)	to let go or set free after being locked up
v18 – guilty	(adjective)	having committed a crime
v18 – deserving	(adjective)	worthy of
v19 – compelled	(verb)	caused by force or a strong belief
v19 – appeal	(verb)	make a serious and urgent request
v19 – Caesar	(person)	the Emperor of Rome (at the time of Acts)
v20 – bound	(adjective)	tied up
v21 – reported	(verb)	told about (something), usually publically
v22 – sect	(noun)	a group of people who have separated from a larger group because of beliefs or practices
v23 – arranged	(verb)	organised; prepared to
v23 – certain	(adjective)	particular; specific
v23 – declared	(verb)	said openly and formally

v23- convince	(verb)	make others believe that something is true
v23 – Prophets	(pl. noun)	people sent by God to pass on a message from Him to a group of people
v25 – disagreed	(verb)	when two or more people have different opinions about what is true
v25 – forefathers	(pl. noun)	see ‘ancestors’
v25 – Isaiah the prophet	(person)	one of God’s messengers who spoke to the nation of Israel
v26 – perceiving	(verb)	noticing; realising
v27 – calloused	(adjective)	hardened; roughened
v27 – heal	(verb)	to cure from sickness
v28 – salvation	(noun)	being saved from sin by trusting in the power of Jesus’ death on the cross
v28 – Gentiles	(pl. noun)	people who are not Jewish
v31 – boldly	(adverb)	without fear, clearly and strongly
v31- hindrance	(noun)	a person/ thing that makes it more difficult to do something
v31 – preached	(verb)	publicly spoke
v31- taught	(verb)	to teach



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¹³ From there we sailed to Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up. The day after that, we reached Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found some believers. They invited us to spend a week with them. At last we came to Rome. ¹⁵ The believers there had heard we were coming. They travelled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. When Paul saw these people, he thanked God for them and was encouraged by them. ¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself. But a soldier guarded him.

¹⁷ Three days later Paul called a meeting of the local Jewish leaders. When they came, Paul spoke to them. He said, "My brothers, I have done nothing against our people. I have also done nothing against what our people of long ago practiced. But I was arrested in Jerusalem. I was handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸ They questioned me. And they wanted to let me go. They saw I wasn't guilty of any crime worthy of death. ¹⁹ But the Jews objected, so I had to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not mean to bring any charge against my own people. ²⁰ I share Israel's hope. That is why I am held with this chain. So I have asked to see you and talk with you."

²¹ They replied, "We have not received any letters from Judea about you. None of our people here from Judea has reported or said anything bad about you. ²² But we want to hear what your ideas are. We know that people everywhere are talking against those who believe as you do."

²³ They decided to meet Paul on a certain day. At that time even more people came to the place where he was staying. From morning until evening, he told them about God's kingdom. Using the Law of Moses and the Prophets, he tried to get them to believe in Jesus. ²⁴ Some believed what he said, and others did not. ²⁵ They didn't agree with one another. They began to leave after Paul had made a final statement. He said, "The Holy Spirit was right when he spoke to your people long ago. Through Isaiah the prophet the Spirit said,

²⁶ " 'Go to your people. Say to them,

"You will hear but never understand.

You will see but never know what you are seeing."

²⁷ These people's hearts have become stubborn.

They can barely hear with their ears.

They have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes.

They might hear with their ears.

They might understand with their hearts.

They might turn, and then I would heal them.'

²⁸⁻²⁹ "Here is what I want you to know. God has sent his salvation to the Gentiles. And they will listen!"

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in a house he rented. He welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He preached boldly about God's kingdom. He taught people about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one could keep him from teaching and preaching about these things.

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