

Paul Reaches Rome **Acts 28:11-31**

Paul meets with believers while on the road to Rome. 11-15

- ❖ After three months in Malta, Paul's journey resumes in mid-Feb., AD 60.
- ❖ Paul is very encouraged to be met by believers all along the Appian Way.

Paul reaches out immediately to Jewish leaders. 16-29

- ❖ Paul again defends himself, explaining even Roman rulers found him innocent.
- ❖ The Jewish response is again mixed, but it's mostly negative. Note here in Rome, unlike in previous cities, Jews can't rile people up against Paul.
- ❖ Paul, like Isaiah (Isa. 6:9), speaks to their unresponsiveness with a final parting shot, which is quoted also in Matt. 13:14,15, Lk. 8:10, Jn. 12:39,40.
- ❖ This negative Jewish response again triggers a comment of turning to the Gentiles, 13:46, 18:6, 22:21. See Rom. 11:8-11, Matt. 21:41, Lk. 14:23,24. It's important not to blow great opportunities as the Jews here did!

Paul preaches in Rome unhindered for two years. 30-31

- ❖ After two years imprisoned in Caesarea, Paul now is under house arrest for two years in Rome. His rental is probably provided by believers in Rome.
- ❖ Acts ends with Paul's *bold preaching that was unhindered* (very appropriate), but it also ends very open-ended. What happened to Paul? Recall 1:8.

