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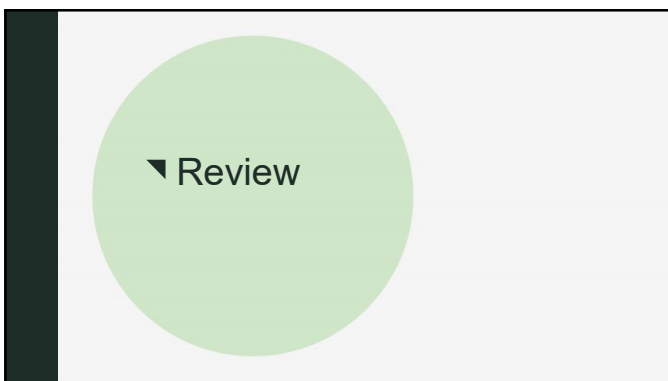
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Acts 27:1-6 <sup>1</sup>And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners and to *one* named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment. <sup>2</sup>So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us. <sup>3</sup>And the next day we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave *him* liberty to go to his friends and receive care. <sup>4</sup>When we had put to sea from there, we sailed under the *shelter* of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. <sup>5</sup>And when we had sailed over the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. <sup>6</sup>There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.



- Who is Aristarchus?
- How is it that Luke and Aristarchus are permitted to travel with Paul?
- What is the risk of allowing Paul liberty to go to his friends?
- What does it mean that Paul was released to receive care?
- What do we know of Sidon?
- What is the significance of boarding an Alexandrian ship?

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Acts 27:7-12 <sup>7</sup>When we had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under the *shelter* of Crete of Salomone. <sup>8</sup>Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea. <sup>9</sup>Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, <sup>10</sup>saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives." <sup>11</sup>Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. <sup>12</sup>And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.



- What does it mean that the fast was now over?
- What disagreement arises?
- Who are the helmsmen and owner?
- Why is Fair Havens not a suitable port in which to winter?

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Acts 27:13-19 <sup>13</sup>When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete. <sup>14</sup>But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon. <sup>15</sup>So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let *her* drive. <sup>16</sup>And running under the *shelter* of an island called Claudia, we secured the skiff with difficulty. <sup>17</sup>When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven. <sup>18</sup>And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship. <sup>19</sup>On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands.



- What is a Euroclydon?
- What do we know of the Syrtis Sands?
- How did they lighten the ship?

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Acts 27:20-26 <sup>20</sup> Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up. <sup>21</sup> But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. <sup>22</sup> And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve. <sup>24</sup> saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. <sup>26</sup> However, we must run aground on a certain island."

- What is the significance of neither the sun nor stars appearing for many days?
- Was Paul rubbing it in by saying "you should have listened to me"?
- What power shift occurs here?
- What might we gather from Paul's statement that all of the men had been granted to him?
- What does it mean that Paul believed God?
- What does reading through this passage help us with today?



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Wrap up and Closing Prayer

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