

# CHAINED ... BUT STILL OFFERING FREEDOM

The Acts of the Apostles - Part 57

Acts 28:11-24

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*“But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, ‘Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.’”*

Acts 23:11 (NASB)

*“And 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.”*

Acts 28:11 (NASB)

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

Acts 28:14 (NASB)

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_

*“And 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. And after we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. And 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.”*

Acts 28:11-13 (NASB)

*“There we found some brethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome. And the brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the Market of Appius and Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.”*

Acts 28:14-15 (NASB)

## 2. Some \_\_\_\_\_

*“And when we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.”*

Acts 28:16 (NASB)

*“And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him.”* Acts 28:30 (NASB)

### Two interesting things about his helpless condition:

- He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to others, they had to \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

*“And it happened that after three days he called together those who were the leading men of the Jews, and when they had come together, he began saying to them, ‘Brethren, though I had done nothing against our people, or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. And when they had examined me, they were willing to release me because there was no ground for putting me to death. But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar; not that I had any accusation against nation.’”* Acts 28:17-19 (NASB)

*“Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

Ephesians 6:14-17 (NASB)

- The \_\_\_\_\_

*“For this reason therefore, I requested to see you and to speak to you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel.”* Acts 28:20 (NASB)

## 3. God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul.

*“But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere.”* Acts 28:22 (NASB)