

April 22, 2018  
Acts 28:1-31

## **THE END OF THE BEGINNING**

### **I. Introduction**

“Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail, nor of night shall keep the courageous courier from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”  
Herodotus 500 B.C.

### **II. Lessons About God From Acts 28**

#### **A. God’s Preservations (Acts 28:1-6)**

#### **B. God’s Power (Acts 28:7-10)**

#### **C. God’s Progress (Acts 28:11-16)**

#### **D. God’s Preaching Through Paul (Acts 28:17-29)**

#### **E. God’s Providence (Acts 28:30-31)**

### **III. Conclusion and Application:**

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Acts 28:1-31**

**Open It**

1. How might you show hospitality to a new family in the neighborhood?
2. \*If you moved to a new neighborhood, how would you want the neighbors to welcome you?

**Explore It**

3. Where were the people shipwrecked? (28:1)
4. How did the islanders treat Paul and the others? (28:2)
5. What did the islanders do to welcome the victims of the shipwreck? (28:2)
6. What happened to Paul when he was building the fire? (28:3)
7. Seeing that Paul was bitten by the snake, what did the islanders conclude? (28:4)
8. When Paul was unaffected by the snake's bite, how did the people of Malta show their superstition? (28:5-6)
9. What was distinctive about the home Paul and the others were near? (28:7)
10. What was Publius's title? (28:7)
11. What did the governor do for Paul and his companions? (28:7)

12. \*How did Paul help Publius's father? (28:8)
13. \*What happened when word of a healing spread? (28:9)
14. \*What was the effect of what Paul did for Publius's father? (28:10)

### **Get It**

15. Why did the islanders show unusual kindness to the victims of the shipwreck?
16. Even in this terrible mishap, how did God provide for Paul and the crew?
17. When you are in a predicament, whom do you trust to get you out of it? How?
18. \*What was the nature of Paul's ministry on the island?
19. \*What effect did Paul's acts of service have on the islanders?
20. How can you help those who are ill?

### **Apply It**

21. \*What act of service or help can you do for people in your neighborhood this week?
22. What act of kindness can you do for a sick friend, church member, or coworker today?

**Notes:**