

Questions on Acts chapter 27

1. What does the use of pronouns “we” and “us” suggest? Who was Aristarchus? Can you think of a reason Luke would be welcome aboard a ship? Verses 1-2.

2. Who, do you think, were the “friends” Paul visited at Sidon? Why did the ship sail to the north and east of Cyprus? Verses 3-4.

3. Where and why did Paul and his company change ships? Verses 5-6.

4. Why did it take “many days” for Paul’s ship to reach Crete, a voyage of only about 130 miles? Verses 7-8.

5. Why did they spend much time at Fair Havens and why was it now considered dangerous to leave? What arguments could be made for going on to Phenice (Phoenix)? Verses 9-12.

6. What convinced them to leave Fair Havens in an effort to get to Phoenix? Verse 13.

7. What happened that prevented their reaching Phoenix? What three precautions were taken at Claudia? Why? Verses 14-17.

8. As the ship drifted in the wind, what further steps were taken on the second and third days? Verses 18-19.

9. Why was all hope of salvation gone? What was the first thing Paul said? Verses 20-21.

10. What word of encouragement does Paul give? How is he able to predict a good outcome? Verses 22-24.

11. What former prediction of Paul was being fulfilled, leading his shipmates to believe their safety was now owing to him? Verses 25-26.

12. How did they know on the fourteenth night that they were near land? Verse 27.

13. What is “sounding,” used to determine the depth of water? How many feet deep was it at first and how deep later? What was their fear and what did they do about it? Verses 28-29.

14. Under what pretext did the sailors attempt to abandon the ship to save their own lives? Verse 30.

15. How did Paul put an end to the sailors’ intentions? Verses 31-32.

16. Why had they been fasting? What does Paul encourage them to do? Verses 33-34.

17. What did Paul do before breaking bread and eating? Verse 35.

18. Did Paul’s encouragement have any effect? Verse 36.

19. How many people were on board the ship and what did they do to prepare the ship to land? Verses 37-38.

20. What was their plan of action and how did they carry it out? Verses 39-40.

21. Which part of the ship remained immobile and which part was broken up? Verse 41.

22. What was the counsel of the soldiers? Verse 42.

23. Who kept the soldiers from their purpose and why? Verse 43.

24. How did all of those on board manage to get to land safely? Verse 44.