

Sermon Handout

The Trip to Rome Pt. 1

Acts 27:1-3

I. St. Paul's Escort and Companions vv. 1-2

- a. Julius the Centurion v. 1
 - i. A “field grade” officer – considerable responsibility
 - ii. Mission: to keep Paul safe, treat him courteously
- b. Luke, the Physician vv. 1-2
 - i. Third of the “we” passages: Caesarea to Rome
 - ii. Previously:
 - 1. Troas to Philippi (Acts 16:10-17)
 - 2. Philippi to Jerusalem (Acts 20:5-21:18) *
 - iii. And again, during the 2d imprisonment (II Tim 4:11)
- c. Aristarchus, the Thessalonian v. 2
 - i. Acts 19:29 Companion of Paul in Ephesus
 - ii. Acts 20:4ff Traveled with Paul; Corinth to Jerusalem
 - iii. Acts 27:2 Remained with Paul in Palestine, etc.
 - iv. Col 4:10; Phile 24 w/ Paul in Rome; known in Asia

II. The Planned Route v. 2

- a. Take coasters as far as Myra, in Lycia (*cf.* vv. 3, 5)
Andramyttium is a seaport of Myra
- b. Board a sea-going grain ship to reach Rome (*cf.* v. 6)
 - i. “A ship of Alexandria”
 - ii. N. Africa was the source of heavy grain exports to Italy
- c. The details affirm the accuracy of St. Luke's account of the voyage

III. The Visit to Sidon v. 3

- a. Sidon is approximately 70 miles by sea from Caesarea
The coaster would have exchanged cargo there.
- b. A church at Sidon founded by Hellenes *see* 11:19
- c. For “friends” *see* III Jn 15
- d. Paul, Luke & Aristarchus fellowshipped with the Sidonese Christians
Note the favorable treatment by Julius the Centurion.
St. Paul was seen as a trustworthy prisoner.