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BIRTHDAY**

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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 18

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 42 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 13

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 14

OFFERING: \$2,026

April 12, 2026

Welcome to the
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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church
Part 41***

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 6:00 PM (NEW TIME)

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church – Part 42

- Paul has returned to Jerusalem in 58 A.D. and was arrested on false charges, and has been held in captivity for two years under Antonius Felix before he was replaced by Porcius Festus in 60 A.D. Paul has made a defense to Festus, where he was not found guilty of anything. However, when Festus still tried to appease the Jews newly under his jurisdiction and tried to extradite Paul to stand trial in Jerusalem, Paul invoked his right as a Roman citizen to have his case decided by the highest authority: Caesar himself. Before Paul travels to Rome, Festus allows King Herod Agrippa and his wife Bernice to hear from Paul themselves to help him explain to Caesar why he is even being sent to him.

Chapter 26

Verses 1-29 (We can see why God used Paul, and why He allowed Paul to persecute Christians for so long and so effectively before bringing him into His service. So that the change would be far more impactful for all those whom Paul would give this testimony to. We also see that both Festus and Agrippa both heard the exact same thing from Paul, yet one of them called him crazy and the other was saying that he was being persuaded to join him as a Christian. From the same message, two people reacted to it in completely opposite ways, demonstrating "worldly minded" and "spiritually minded" people hearing the message of the Bible.)

Verses 30-32 (Romans 8:28 on full display here as God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.) Chapter 27 Verses 1-10 Rom. 8:28 & Luke 13:1-9 (This bad weather, and Paul being right about this prophecy being given to him are all being used to give these sailors, and eventually the people of Malta, the best chance to have their immortal souls be saved - the only thing that God cares about and the only thing any of us should care about. As we see in the parable of the fruitless fig tree in Luke 13, God will also keep each person alive until they receive their best chance to believe and repent - with that protection being forfeit after this - which is what all these men were receiving throughout this voyage and subsequent shipwreck.)

Verses 11-26 Luke 16:1-13 (One of the points of prophecy in the Bible is for short term messages of the future to come true so that people will believe the long-term ones as well, trusting that those too will happen just as stated. Paul has built credibility with good physical advice for these men, which will give them more reason to listen to the infinitely more valuable spiritual advice and guidance that he will give them. This is the point of the parable of the "Unrighteous Steward" from Luke 16 in action here.)

Verses 27-31 Rom. 10:17 & Jam. 1:22, 2:17 (The centurion's faith continues to grow throughout this period of trial based on what he has seen and what Paul has said, and now he is getting a chance to demonstrate his faith. The Word of God through Paul said no one can leave the ship, and he has to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.
- There is a children’s Bible study during the sermon.
- Please plan to invite guests to attend Sunday morning worship each week in May for the “Foundations of Our Faith” series. Food will be provided each week following worship, beginning with a potluck on Sunday, May 3rd!! (No April potluck today.)
- ATTENTION: Wednesday evening Bible class now starts at 6:00 p.m.!
- The next 5th Wednesday is April 29th. Any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.
- Ladies Class, providing an introduction into Apologetics, is scheduled to continue on Saturday mornings through May; class begins at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Scripture References - cont’d:

to hear that and believe it enough to put it into practice. He did so and demonstrated proof that he did indeed believe the Word of God.)

Verses 32-44 1 Pet. 1:6-9 & Eph. 2:8 & 2 Pet. 2:6-9 & Dan. 3 (God has allowed the centurion to produce more proof of his faith. While this will not save the centurion, this entire ordeal hopefully got him to listen to Paul's actual directions for salvation and then do those, since it has always worked out for him exactly as the Word of God said it would when he listened before. At the same time, God is using Julius's growing faith here to keep His righteous servant, Paul, safe from all harm, which He always can, depending on if it is God's will to keep His righteous servants safe even, in "hopeless" situations like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego being thrown into the furnace in Daniel 3.)

PRAY FOR

*Greg & Wanda Mattson’s daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)*

Gary Bates (to resolve his VA benefits)

Adrion Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Sandi Murie’s niece, Lace (brain tumor)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson

