

מעשי השליחים Ma'asei HaShlichim

[ACTS OF THE APOSTLES]

Acts 27-28a ***"Voyage to Rome"***

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Festus have to send Paul to Rome? Why was Luke able to provide such a generous description of Paul's voyage to Rome?
2. What is "the Fast" in Acts 27:9? What does Luke's passing reference to "the Fast" indicate about his presumed readers?
3. Where did Paul spend the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) that year? How did the average Diaspora Jew observe Yom Kippur in those days? What book of the Bible is read on Yom Kippur? How is that significant to the story?
4. What does "Malta" mean in Semitic languages? What is a "barbarian"?
5. Malta was the winter refuge for the passengers of the ill-fated grain ship. Of all the stories that could have been told, why did Luke choose only the incidents of the viper and the healing of the father of the island's magistrate?

