

THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF ACTS 37

ACTS 28:6

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

ACTS 28:7

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

ACTS 28:8

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dusenteria {doos-en-ter-ee'-ah}

dysentery, bowel ailment

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ACTS 28:10

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

ACTS 28:11

11 ¶ And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

In passing, Luke mentions that the ship bore the insignia of the Twin Brothers.

The Greek word dioskouroi (sons of Zeus) refers to Castor and Pollux, who were the twin sons of Leda and the Greek god Zeus.

After their death, they are fabled to have been translated to heaven, and made *constellations* under the name of *gemini*, or the twins.

They then received divine honours, and were called the sons of Jupiter. They were supposed to preside over sailors, and to be their protectors; hence it was not uncommon to place their image on ships.

Sailors regarded these two brothers as patron deities who would protect them from the dangers of the sea.

They were supposed to have a power of saving men in danger at sea:

It was the custom of the ancients to have *images* on their ships, both at the head and stern;

The figure that was used for *Castor and Pollux*, was that of two young men on horseback, with each a javelin in his hand, and by their side half an egg and a star;

but the *sign* of Castor and Pollux was that of a *double cross*. When these two appeared together,

ACTS 28:12

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

ACTS 28:13

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

ACTS 28:14

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

ACTS 20:6

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; **where we abode seven days.**

ACTS 20:7

7 ¶ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

ACTS 21:4

4 And finding disciples, **we tarried there seven days:** who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

ACTS 28:14

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ACTS 28:15

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

ACTS 28:16

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

ACTS 28:20

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with **this chain**.

EPHESIANS 6:20

20 For which I am an ambassador **in bonds**: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

PHILIPPIANS 1:7

7 ¶ Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both **in my bonds**, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

PHILIPPIANS 1:13

13 So that **my bonds** in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

PHILIPPIANS 1:14

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by **my bonds**, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

PHILEMON 1:10

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten **in my bonds**:

ACTS 28:16

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