INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul has been in an awful storm for many days
   1) "And being exceedingly tossed with a tempest"
   2) "but when the fourteenth night was come"

B. The ship ran aground and broke apart
   1) "they ran the ship aground"
   2) "the hinder part was broken"

C. The people escaped to Malta 27:44
   1) "And so it came to pass"
   2) "that they all escaped all safe to land"
   3) 28:1...."the island was called Melita"

I. The Kindness of the People vs. 2

A. "And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness"
   1) "barbarous" = "a person who speaks a strange tongue"
      Not Greek, strange to Greek manner and customs.
   2) "kindness" = philanthropia = "love of man"

B. Their act of "man love"
   1) It was raining at the time
   2) It was cold, late October
   3) They kindled a fire and received all of them

II. The Misinterpretation of Events vs. 3 - 6

A. Paul, the compulsive worker vs. 3
   1) "When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks"
   2) "and laid them on the fire"

B. Paul always goes beyond the required
   1) He made tents to avoid censure
   2) He never wants the Lord's work unduly criticized because of undone tasks.

C. The Maltese judged Paul a murderer
   1) He was bitten by a viper
   2) It hung on his hand
   3) They saw this and made a judgment
   4) This man is a murderer

D. The basis of their judgment
   1) "whom though he escaped from the sea"
   2) "yet vengeance suffereth not to live"
   3) Each sin receives immediate punishment, a false assumption.
E. Paul shows no ill from the bite vs. 5
   1) "he shook the beast off into the fire"
   2) "and felt no harm" = hubris = "wanton violence
      arising from the pride of strength, passion, or lust"

F. They judged Paul a god vs. 6
   1) The basis of this judgment
   2) "when he should have swollen"
   3) "fallen down dead suddenly"
   4) "but after they had looked a great while"
   5) "and saw no "harm" come to him" = kakos = "bad"
   6) "they "changed" their minds" = metaballo = "to throw
      around", "to turn quickly or suddenly"
   7) "and said that he was a god"

III. Paul Returns Their Kindness vs. 7 - 10

A. Paul heals Publius' father vs. 7
   1) Publius had an estate in the area of the place where Paul
      came ashore.
   2) He received them and treated them courteously = philo-
      thronos = "friendly minded manner"

B. Paul laid hands on him vs. 8
   1) This man had dysentery
   2) Paul practiced New Testament healing

C. Paul healed many others vs. 9
   1) "others also, which had diseases"
   2) "came, and were healed"

IV. Honor To Whom Honor Due vs. 10

A. "Who also honoured us with many honours"
   1) "honours" = time = "a holding worth, an estimate
      of the value of a thing", "esteem", "respect"
   2) They wanted them for friends. They did not believe.

B. "they laded us with such things as necessary"
   1) "laded" = epitithemi = "to place upon"
   2) "necessary" = ta = the + pros = towards + ten = the +
      chreian = need = "the things suited to our needs"