

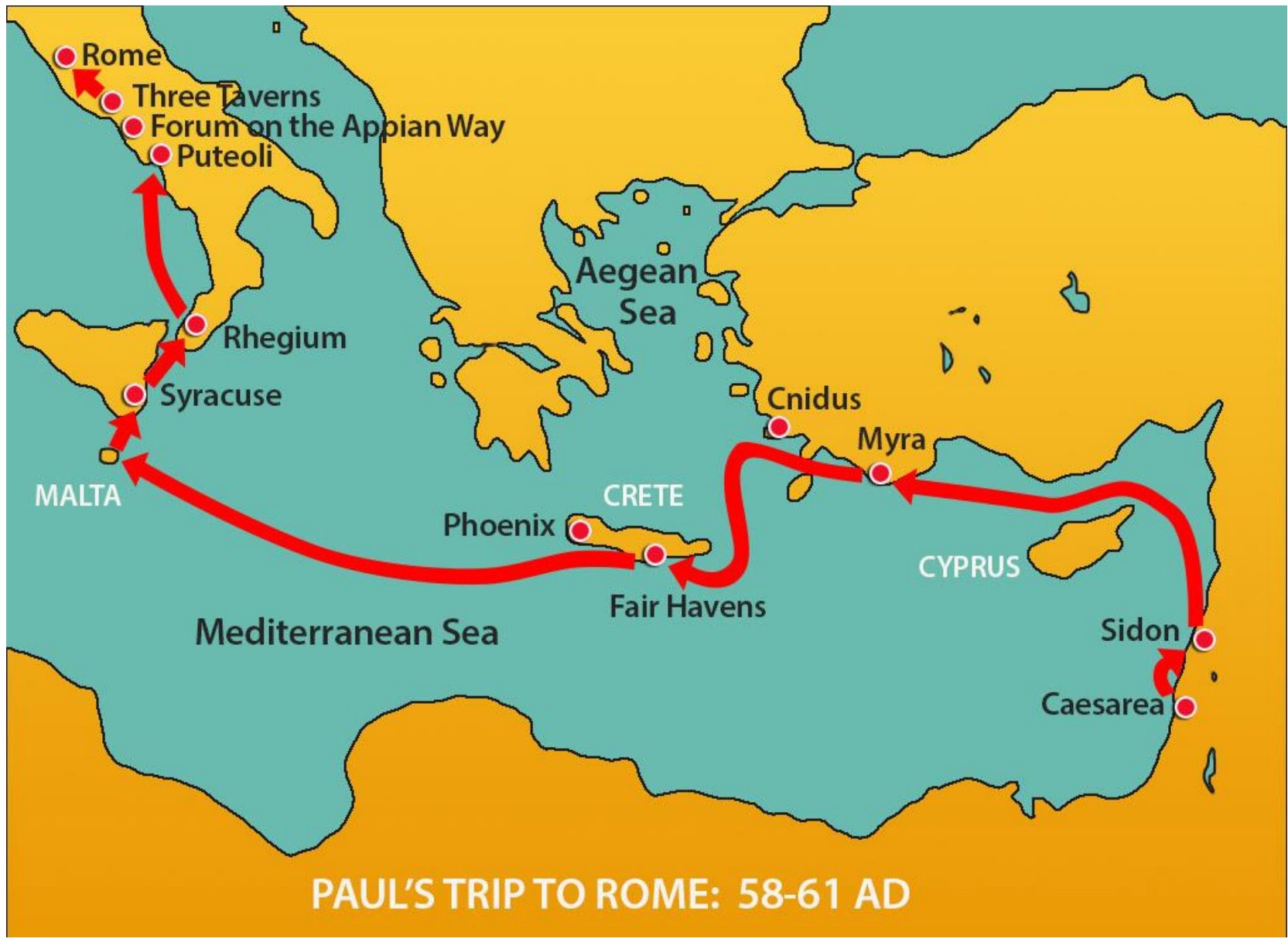
**FROM
CAESAREA TO
ROME**

ACTS 27 – 28



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Disciples Making Disciples



The Journey

The Sea, the Snake & the Saviour

- Sea: 27:1-44 (*11 nautical terms; companions; stopovers; change of ships; warning; storm; shipwreck*)
- Snake: 28:1-10 (*Malta; snake-bite; miraculous healings*)
- Saviour: 28:11-31 (*Discipling: preaching & writing – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon*)

Acts 28:31 “Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with full boldness and without hindrance.”

What Happened to Paul?

- ❑ Uncertain
- ❑ Paul wrote several of his letters whilst in Rome
- ❑ Tradition says he was beheaded & died a martyr
- ❑ Great fire in Rome in AD 64
- ❑ Nero was in charge and blamed the Christians for this

Blessings in Discipleship

- ✓ Sharing life with others (people focussed)
- ✓ Being an ambassador for Christ
- ✓ Seeing God at work in people's lives (mine too)
- ✓ Seeing the impact of the Gospel in changed lives

Difficulties in Ministry (2 Cor 11:23-28)

I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

Paul the Disciple

- ☑ He went, he baptised, he taught obedience
- ☑ Prayer was natural & assumed
- ☑ Total devotion to God
- ☑ Expected God to work – miraculous involvement
- ☑ Sometimes wavered in his faith
- ☑ Focussed on the Great Commission

My Discipleship Response to Acts

- ✓ We go, baptise & teach obedience to Jesus' commands
- ✓ God is calling you to something...what?
- ✓ Expect God to work – get in and have a go
- ✓ Commitment to ¹one service, ²one EFG & ³one ministry
- ✓ Speak to someone – pastor, Church Council, etc



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