

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 31, 2017
Acts 28

1. What happened in last week's text?
 - a. Not much.
 - b. A shipwreck.
 - c. God delivered Paul from being killed so that he wouldn't escape.
 - d. God delivered Paul and everyone on the boat just as he said that he would.

2. What happened when once they were safely ashore, according to verse 2? _____

3. What happened to Paul in verse 3? _____

4. What did the islanders think when they saw the snake hanging from Paul's hand, according to verse 4?
 - a. They thought a snake bit him because it was in the brush pile (seems like a chance happening).
 - b. The soldiers had wanted to kill him before and he was spared and he survived the sea and now they saw it as "God's justice" or the revenge of the goddess justice for his crimes.
 - c. They believed he must be a murderer to have such bad "luck" or "karma" or whatever they might have thought (they were not Christians or Jews, after all).
 - d. Ball don't lie.

5. What did they think when he survived, according to verses 5-6?
 - a. They expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead.
 - b. After waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

6. How do we interpret the circumstances of our lives and of those around us?
 - a. If bad things happen we must have done something bad to deserve it.
 - b. Good things and bad things happen to people, regardless of our standing with God.
 - c. If good things happen, somebody must have God's protection and blessing.
 - d. We really have to have God's discernment to be able to tell whether a bad thing is an attack from the devil or punishment from God.
 - e. Matthew 5:43-48 suggests that if we are to be children of God, we are like him and don't always make sure people get what they deserve in the short term.

7. What happened?
 - a. Paul healed a chief official on the island.
 - b. The rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.
 - c. After three months, they set sail for Rome in a ship that had wintered in the island.
 - d. They visited brothers and sisters on the way to Rome.
 - e. Paul was allowed to live by himself in Rome.
 - f. Paul gathered the local Jewish leaders and preach Christ to the Jews in Rome.
 - g. More came and Paul preached from morning until night, and then for two years.
 - h. God fulfilled what he had promised him.