

Acts 28:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

Analysis

So when this was done (τούτου δὲ γενομένου)—Publius' father's healing becoming known—**others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed** (ἐθεραπεύοντο). The imperfect tense 'etherapeuonto' suggests repeated, ongoing healings over three months (v. 11). This brief summary describes extensive ministry: Paul used forced delay on Malta for gospel proclamation through healing mercy. The pattern mirrors Jesus' ministry where physical healing authenticated spiritual truth. Malta's entire population (likely 10,000-15,000) would have heard of Paul's God. What seemed like shipwreck disaster became strategic missionary opportunity—divine providence redirecting Paul's journey to reach an island otherwise off his itinerary.

Historical Context

Malta's small size (122 square miles) meant news traveled quickly throughout the island. The three-month winter stay gave unprecedented time for ministry. Malta had no previous Christian presence, making Paul's shipwreck the gospel's first arrival on this strategic Mediterranean island.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How have forced delays in your plans become unexpected ministry opportunities?
2. Where do you see God's providence in apparent detours from your intended path?

Interlinear Text

τούτου οὖν γενομένου καὶ τῇ λοιποὶ τῇ ἔχοντες
this **So** **was done** **also** **which** **others** **which** **had**
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ἀσθενείας ἐν τῇ νήσῳ προσήρχοντο καὶ
diseases **in** **which** **the island** **came** **also**
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ἐθεραπεύοντο
were healed
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 5:15 (Parallel theme): Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:12 (Parallel theme): And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Matthew 4:24 (Parallel theme): And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

