



**Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for what He has done to provide our salvation and because He will one day make all things right.**

**Week 30: March 2, 2025**

**Bible Story Point:** God chose Paul to take the Gospel to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites.

**Key Passage:** Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1)

**Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)**

**Paul was Sent to Rome (Acts 24—26)**

The story of Paul's time in Caesarea seemed to be long, drawn out, and hopeless. Even still, the apostle was not without hope, which he proclaimed the good news of Jesus before the governor and king—just as Jesus prophesied of His followers in Matthew 10:18.

How does Paul establish the credibility of his faith in Jesus here at his tribunal? What does he declare to be his hope, even now as a prisoner under the threat of death by his own people?

Paul spent much of this time laying out his testimony, beginning with his blamelessness through the lens of the Jewish law, as well as his continued worship of the same God as his Jewish ancestors. As he stood before King Agrippa and Queen Bernice, the military commanders, and prominent men of the city, he laid out the hope of God's people since the beginning and how Jesus' life, death, and resurrection served as the fulfillment of their long-awaited grand hope.

It seemed apparent to the king that, after years of incarceration, this prisoner had finally received an opportunity to defend his freedom before these great men of power. However, rather than deflecting from his intended message for the sake of his freedom, Paul chose to extend a gospel presentation. The king asked if he were really going to present the case of Christ so easily, and Paul's response was that he desired all those individuals present before him to receive the same gift of salvation that applies to all—no matter their worldly status.

Paul never wavered in his boasting of Christ and His resurrection, nor did he allow the terrible circumstances of his imprisonment to color his belief in the worthiness of his Lord. Consider the faith this man had in believing Jesus' promises amidst his hardship. How can you shine that same light as you teach of Paul's courage and perseverance in his eternal hope in Jesus? Teach the boys and girls in your group about the boldness of Paul in response to the faithfulness of Jesus.

- Where did the Roman Soldiers take Paul for safety? Caesarea
- What is the Governor's name that Paul met with? Felix
- What did Paul say that concerned Felix? God will judge all of us one day
- Who else did Paul tell the Gospel too? Festus, King Agrippa and Queen Bernice
- How did Paul lead into the Gospel? He used the Old Testament scriptures to lead people to the gospel.
- What is the Old Testament Prophecy? That God was sending a savior through the line of Abraham
- How do we share the Gospel? Live in a way that people see Jesus through you.
- What are some simple ways to share your faith?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for the gospel. Ask God to give you a way to boldly share what God is doing in your life with others.

## Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for March 5

**Cubbies:** Bear Hug 20 1 Timothy 1:15 "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."

### Sparks:

**Hang Gliders** – Green Jewel 3.1 – Say to whole New Testament in order.

**Wing Runners** – Red Jewel 3:3 & 3.4 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalm Proverbs.

**Sky Stormer** – Green Jewel 3:1 – Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lords always; and again, I say rejoice.

### T & T's: – 3.6 Jesus Showed Grace to Others

Ephesians 1:7, In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

### Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, March 9

#### Paul's went to Rome (Acts 27-28)

- How did Paul go to Rome? By Boat
- What did they encounter while on the boat? A bad storm
- What did the angel tell Paul? Take Courage
- Did something happen while he was on the boat? The ship ran a ground

### Upcoming Activities:

March 3	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
March 4	Good News Club (Tuesdays 2:45 - 4:15 through March 5)
March 6	Pickleball and Walking Thursday Nights 6—8
March 9	Candy & Plastic Egg donations begin for Easter Egg Hunt
March 10—14	Spring Break
March 25	Ladies Night Out at Riverbend 6 to 8pm, leave the church at 5pm
March 30	Sunday Funday, 9AM in Gym
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt 10AM @ Acton Place Park
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Wee School Spring Sing 6PM
April 18	The Seder Celebration 6PM
April 20	Easter

