



4th MISSIONARY JOURNEY? ACTS CH27:1-12

INTRODUCTION

The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue. On February 18, 1952, an astonishing maritime event began when a ferocious nor'easter (v14) split in half a 500-foot long oil tanker, the Pendleton, approximately one mile off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. **Nine of Pendleton's 41 crew were lost**: eight (including Captain John Fitzgerald) who were on the bow section (which hadn't been part of the rescue), and the ship's cook (ordinary Seaman George C. "Tiny" Meyers) from the stern section, who had selflessly assisted the rest of the crew off the vessel before himself.

BACKGROUND

Imprisonment in Caesarea	57 - 59
Journey to Rome	59 - 60
House arrest in Rome	60 - 63
7, 8, 9 + 10 Letters to Ephesians, Col, Phil, Philemon	
11 + 12 Letters to Timothy (1 st Tim Ch1:3) + Titus (Ch3:12)	62
Second imprisonment - Rome	63 - 68
13 + Final Letter 2 nd Timothy	63 - 68
Martyred by beheading	68?

THE TRAVELLERS! V1-2

V1 – Luke (Last seen in Ch21:17)

V1 – Paul

V1 – Some other prisoners! V37 – 276 people in total on the 2nd ship!

V1 – Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Cohort!

V2 – **1st Ship – Adramyttium**, sailing along to the ports along the coast of Asia

V2 – Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, who ends up in Prison in Rome with Paul - Col Ch4:10! Mentioned also in Acts Ch19:29, Ch20:4, + Philemon 24.

THE TRIP! V3-8

Back in Acts Ch16:11-12 we saw that the total distance from Troas to Neapolis was around 156 miles and with a favourable sea wind the journey could be done within a couple of days, although the return journey took 5 days Acts Ch20:6, how the wind plays a part! Here, again, we see Luke's fascination with details of sea travel (Ch16:11-13; Ch20:5-6, 13-17; Ch21:1-8; Ch27:1-Ch28:16). Bird watcher's are known as "Twitchers" but those whose passion is the seas and voyages, what are they known as? "Squids!"

THE TALK! V9-12

V9 – The date of atonement is 5.10.59!

V10 – This is not a prophecy by Paul, but based on experience and logic – 2 Cor Ch11:25!

V11 – It's not that the centurion is not taking on Paul's advice, but pays more attention to the Ships captain and owner!

V12 – They feel the harbour is unsuitable, and Phoenix is only about 40 miles away!

V12 – There is also a vote! 273 v 3! You can imagine Paul nudging Luke and Aristarchus.

Did the ships owner have in mind the money he could make on the grain? Was there some bonus for delivering grain in the winter months? How are we meant to see these verses?

APPLICATION

God's providence is at work!

How?

	<u>APPROXIMATE MILES!</u>
• Jerusalem to Caesarea	- 65
• Caesarea to Sidon	- 70
• Sidon to Myra	- 500
• Myra to Cnidus	- 130
• Cnidus to Salmone	- 130
• Salmone to Fair Havens	- 80
• Fair Havens to Phoenix	- 40

• Phoenix to Cauda	-	50	
• Cauda to Malta	-	500	
• Malta to Syracuse	-	85	
• Syracuse to Rhegium	-	85	
• Rhegium to Puteoli	-	200	
• Puteoli to Forum of Appius	-	100	
• Forum of Appius to Three Taverns	-	10	
• Three Taverns to Rome	-	35	
	Total		2,130