

PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, GREAT YARMOUTH - READING THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS – WEEK 9

(Try to write at least a short response each day)

<p><u>Monday 21st November – Acts 26.24-27.2</u> In v24 Festus recognises that Paul's great learning had led Him beyond the bounds of society's expectations. Jesus also faced similar to the accusations (see Luke 2.47 & 19.45-48). How do you respond when people say that Christians are fools, simply because our understanding conflicts with that of the secular world?</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday 22nd November – Acts 27.3-26</u> In v11 we again see the secular authorities not accepting Paul's insight. The consequence is a storm reminiscent of that from the Book of Jonah! Give thanks for times you have known God's protection when the going got tough – and allow those experiences to encourage you for the future.</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 23rd November – Acts 27.27-44</u> Notice how Paul celebrated survival even before it was secured. The Israelites did likewise with Manna and Quail – and every time we celebrate Holy Communion we also thank God for that which we accept by faith but have not yet seen!</p>	
<p><u>Thursday 24th November – Acts 28.1-10</u> Once again, as in Acts 19.35-41, God provides for His people's needs through the acts of unbelievers – and this provides the background for the believer to bear further witness. Ask God not just to protect you in the storms of life – but also to strengthen you to continue as His witness.</p>	
<p><u>Friday 25th November – Acts 28.11-22</u> Paul, offered limited freedom but still in chains, takes every opportunity to continue as God's witness – will you?</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 26th November – Acts 28.23-31</u> v31 provides a fitting conclusion. The foundations of the early church were preaching and teaching through word and deed and these remain the only foundations upon which God's church can thrive. May we be faithful to the gospel that we have received.</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 27th November – Acts 1. 1-11</u> In our final reading from Acts, look back at these early verses and reflect upon the way in which the risen Christ's commands were fulfilled – and then remember that one day He will return in judgement over our faithfulness.</p>	

