

~JULIUS (216) **(Ju'li-us)**

- **A Roman army officer or centurion of the band of Augustus in whose custody Paul traveled to Rome.**
- **Now as it was decided for us to sail away to Italy, they proceeded to hand both Paul and certain other prisoners over to an army officer named **Julius** of the band of Augustus. (Acts of Apostles 27:1)**
- **From the beginning of the voyage, **Julius** apparently appreciated that Paul was not an ordinary prisoner and showed him kindness, for example, letting him go ashore to visit friends at Sidon.**
- **However, when Paul later suggested that for the time being their continuing on would be perilous, **Julius** listened to the contrary opinion of the pilot and the shipowner.**
- **Later **Julius** soldiers prevented the escape of the sailors, in keeping with Paul's words; Unless these men remain in the boat, you cannot be saved. When shipwreck occurred, **Julius**, by not letting the soldiers kill the prisoners, saved Paul's life.**
- **Now as it was decided for us to sail away to Italy, they proceeded to hand both Paul and certain other prisoners over to an army officer named **Julius** of the band of Augustus. (Acts of Apostles 27:1)**
- **Going aboard a boat from Adramyttium that was about to sail to places along the coast of the district of Asia, we set sail, there being with us Aristarchus a Macedonian from Thessalonica. (Acts of Apostles 27:2)**
- **And the next day we landed at Sidon, and **Julius** treated Paul with human kindness and permitted him to go to his friends and enjoy their care. (Acts of Apostles 27:3)**
- **And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. (Acts of Apostles 27:4)**
- **And we navigated through the open sea along Cilicia and**

Pamphylia and put into port at Myra in Lycia. ([Acts of Apostles 27:5](#))

- But there the army officer found a boat from Alexandria that was sailing for Italy, and he made us board it. ([Acts of Apostles 27:6](#))
- Then, after sailing on slowly quite a number of days and coming to Cnidus with difficulty, because the wind did not let us get on, we sailed under the shelter of Crete at Salmone. ([Acts of Apostles 27:7](#))
- And coasting along it with difficulty we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near which was the city Lasea. ([Acts of Apostles 27:8](#))
- As considerable time had passed and by now it was hazardous to navigate because even the fast of atonement day had already passed by, Paul made a recommendation. ([Acts of Apostles 27:9](#))
- Saying to them; Men, I perceive that navigation is going to be with damage and great loss not only of the cargo and the boat but also of our souls. ([Acts of Apostles 27:10](#))
- However, the army officer went heeding the pilot and the shipowner rather than the things said by Paul. ([Acts of Apostles 27:11](#))
- Now as the harbor was inconvenient for wintering, the majority advised setting sail from there, to see if they could somehow make it to Phoenix to winter, a harbor of Crete that opens toward the northeast and toward the southeast. ([Acts of Apostles 27:12](#))
- Moreover, when the south wind blew softly, they thought they had as good as realized their purpose, and they lifted anchor and began coasting inshore along Crete. ([Acts of Apostles 27:13](#))
- After no great while, however, a tempestuous wind called Euroaquilo rushed down upon it. ([Acts of Apostles 27:14](#))
- As the boat was violently seized and was not able to keep its head against the wind, we gave way and were borne along. ([Acts of Apostles 27:15](#))
- Now we ran under the shelter of a certain small island called

Cauda, and yet we were hardly able to get possession of the skiff at the stern. ([Acts of Apostles 27:16](#))

- **But after hoisting it aboard they began using helps to undergird the boat, and being in fear of running aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear and thus were driven along. ([Acts of Apostles 27:17](#))**
- **Yet because we were being violently tossed with the tempest, the following day they began to lighten the ship. ([Acts of Apostles 27:18](#))**
- **And the third day, with their own hands, they threw away the tackling of the boat. ([Acts of Apostles 27:19](#))**
- **When, now, neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no little tempest was lying upon us, all hope of our being saved finally began to be cut off. ([Acts of Apostles 27:20](#))**
- **And when there had been a long abstinence from food, then Paul stood up in the midst of them and said; Men, you certainly ought to have taken my advice and not have put out to sea from Crete and have sustained this damage and loss. ([Acts of Apostles 27:21](#))**
- **Still, now I recommend to you to be of good cheer, for not a soul of you will be lost, only the boat will. ([Acts of Apostles 27:22](#))**
- **For this night there stood near me an angel of the God to whom I belong and to whom I render sacred service. ([Acts of Apostles 27:23](#))**
- **Saying; Have no fear, Paul. You must stand before Caesar, and, look! God has freely given you all those sailing with you. ([Acts of Apostles 27:24](#))**
- **Therefore be of good cheer, men. For I believe God that it will be exactly as it has been told me. ([Acts of Apostles 27:25](#))**
- **However, we must be cast ashore on a certain island. ([Acts of Apostles 27:26](#))**
- **Now as the fourteenth night fell and we were being tossed to and fro on the sea of Adria, at midnight the sailors began to suspect**

- they were drawing near to some land. ([Acts of Apostles 27:27](#))
- And they sounded the depth and found it twenty fathoms, so they proceeded a short distance and again made a sounding and found it fifteen fathoms. ([Acts of Apostles 27:28](#))
 - And because of fearing we might be cast somewhere upon the rocks, they cast out four anchors from the stern and began wishing for it to become day. ([Acts of Apostles 27:29](#))
 - But when the sailors began seeking to escape from the boat and lowered the skiff into the sea under the pretense of intending to let down anchors from the prow. ([Acts of Apostles 27:30](#))
 - Paul said to the army officer and the soldiers; Unless these men remain in the boat, you cannot be saved. ([Acts of Apostles 27:31](#))
 - Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off. ([Acts of Apostles 27:32](#))
 - Now close to the approach of day Paul began to encourage one and all to take some food, saying; Today is the fourteenth day you have been on the watch and you are continuing without food, having taken nothing for yourselves. ([Acts of Apostles 27:33](#))
 - Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is in the interest of your safety, for not a hair of the head of one of you will perish. ([Acts of Apostles 27:34](#))
 - After he said this, he also took a loaf, gave thanks to God before them all and broke it and started eating. ([Acts of Apostles 27:35](#))
 - So they all became cheerful and themselves began taking some food. ([Acts of Apostles 27:36](#))
 - Now, all together, we souls in the boat were two hundred and seventy-six. ([Acts of Apostles 27:37](#))
 - When they had been satisfied with food, they proceeded to lighten the boat by throwing the wheat overboard into the sea. ([Acts of Apostles 27:38](#))
 - Finally when it became day, they could not recognize the land

but they were observing a certain bay with a beach, and on this they were determined, if they could, to beach the boat. (**Acts of Apostles 27:39**)

- So, cutting away the anchors, they let them fall into the sea, at the same time loosing the lashings of the rudder oars and, after hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. (**Acts of Apostles 27:40**)
- When they lighted upon a shoal washed on each side by the sea, they ran the ship aground and the prow got stuck and stayed immovable, but the stern began to be violently broken to pieces. (**Acts of Apostles 27:41**)
- At this it became the determination of the soldiers to kill the prisoners, that no one might swim away and escape. (**Acts of Apostles 27:42**)
- But the army officer desired to bring Paul safely through and restrained them from their purpose. And he commanded those able to swim to cast themselves into the sea and make it to land first. (**Acts of Apostles 27:43**)
- And the rest to do so, some upon planks and some upon certain things from the boat. And thus it came about that all were brought safely to land. (**Acts of Apostles 27:44**)

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