

~PUBLIUS (23)

(Pub'li-us) [from Latin meaning, Popular]

- A wealthy land-owning resident of Malta who kindly entertained Paul and those with him for three days after their shipwreck on the island. Paul, in turn, healed **Publius** father of fever and dysentery.
- Now in the neighborhood of that place the principal man of the island, named **Publius**, had lands, and he received us hospitably and entertained us benevolently three days. ([Acts of Apostles 28:7](#))
- But it happened that the father of **Publius** was lying down distressed with fever and dysentery, and Paul went in to him and prayed, laid his hands upon him and healed him. ([Acts of Apostles 28:8](#))
- **Publius** was the principal man of the island. In this instance such a designation appears to denote an official title comparable to governor, probably denoting the leading Roman officer on the island.