



## ACTS 28:23–31

They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. 24 Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. 25 They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

26 “Go to this people and say, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

27 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

28 “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!” [29]

30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. 31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

- What is an idol? How can idols be both tangible and intangible? In what ways is idolatry prevalent today?
- What are some positive effects of hospitality? Why should our gratitude for hospitality ultimately be directed toward God?
- What does Paul identify as the hope of Israel? How does the resurrection of Jesus satisfy the hope every human being has to some degree?
- What does it mean that “God is the gospel”?
- What are the three common responses to the gospel? Why aren’t responses to the gospel guaranteed?
- What is the connection between hospitality and the kingdom of God? How can you utilize hospitality to lovingly serve your neighbor?
- How does Paul exhibit what it means to be a disciple?

