

**READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 28 (July 12 – 16)**

*“Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly” ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.*

**Historical Context** (Paul’s third missionary trip).

**59 AD** Approximate date of the writing of Matthew.

You may have noted that parts of Matthew sound identical to what we read in Mark (in weeks 6–8). This is because Matthew and Luke both quote whole sections of Mark, which is why Mark is thought to be the oldest gospel.

Matthew and Luke also have sections that are word-for-word the same, that are not found in Mark. This has led to the question of whether there is a second source which Matthew and Luke both used. This second source – if it existed – is simply called “Q”. The Q material includes a lot of the sayings of Jesus.

**59 AD** Paul, under Roman guard, sets sail from Caesarea for Rome in the autumn with Luke and Aristarchus. They are shipwrecked and spend the winter on the Island called Malta.

**Day Reading Clarification from the Greek (the original language)**

Mon.	Matthew 26	(:53)	<b>“Twelve Legions”</b> = A Roman Legion in the first century AD had between 5,000 and 6,000 men. While Caesar Augustus had 60 Legions spread throughout the empire. After the revolt of the Jews between 66 and 70 AD, Rome stationed two Legions in Judea, with one in Jerusalem.
Tues.	Matthew 27	(:46)	<b>“... forsaken me?”</b> = This is a reference to David’s Psalm 22. In Judaism, when a person used part of a verse, the whole of the verse was implied.
Wed.	Matthew 28	(:19)	<b>Go</b> = This is actually a participle. It does not mean, “go and do something”. It means, “as you are <u>going</u> , do something.”
Thurs.	Act 26	(:8)	<b>Raises</b> = Wakes up / rouses / lifts up / makes stand up. While here it is a verb, interestingly, as a noun, it also includes recovering from illness.
Fri.	Act 27	(:1)	<b>Cohort</b> = Approximately 480 men.

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