



Session Twenty-Seven

The Book of Acts, Pt.11

Acts 27-28

This week we arrive at the end of our journey through the Sermon on the Mount, the Gospel of Luke, and the book of Acts.

Because we conclude with the final two chapters of Acts, the case could be made that the end of our journey—correlating, as it does, with the end of Paul’s journey to Rome—is anti-climactic. The narrative point that has been driving Paul’s story ever since he was first arrested in Jerusalem in chapter 21 has been his insistence that his case be heard by the Emperor in Rome. Yet Acts ends before Paul meets the Emperor, so we never discover what happened.

On the other hand, perhaps the journey ends precisely as it should. We began by focusing intensely on how Jesus would have us live as his followers (a focus we’ve returned to again and again over the course of our time together), and here, at the end, we find Paul in Rome, welcoming all who came to see him and “proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance” (28:30-31).

In short, when we began, it was about Jesus; and here, at the end, it’s about Jesus. Which is the way it should always be.

And the question that has driven this journey all along...What *would* Jesus do? With Paul in Rome, we discover precisely what Jesus would have us do: live such that our very lives proclaim the Kingdom.

So I put to you a final question, and it concerns your understanding now (as opposed to 27 weeks ago) of the “What” in What *would* Jesus do? And it’s very simple: what is the What?