ACTS <u>Proclaiming the Kingdom of God</u> Acts 28:16-31

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"Acts is a history of the planting and extension of the church among the Jews and Gentiles, by the institution of great radiating centers at important points throughout the empire, beginning at Jerusalem and ending at Rome." - J.A. Alexander

- 1. While Paul was a captive in Rome, the Lord used him to bring about great progress of the gospel among the Roman _____.
- 2. While Paul was a captive in Rome, the Lord enabled him to speak of the hope of Israel to his fellow
 - a. The reason Paul was in chains was because he spoke openly of the ______ that the Jewish people had been waiting for.
 - b. The Jewish people generally considered Christianity to be an ______ belief system.

- c. Paul sought to ______ the Jews of the truth of the Christian gospel.
 - 1) It concerns Jesus who is spoken of in the Law and the Prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures.
 - 2) It is the Kingdom of God in _____
- d. Some Jews believed the gospel but others would not believe. Therefore Paul solemnly rebuked them for their "_____" insistence in rejecting the truth.
- 3. While Paul was a captive in Rome, the Lord enabled him to openly speak to ______ of the Kingdom of God and the hope that is given in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"In the narrative of Acts, Peter, Paul, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas, Silas, Mark and others have their own unique function in salvation history, but in certain ways they also function as models of faithful discipleship for others. By implication, the conclusion of Acts challenges

to consider how they themselves will continue the story of the gospel's progress." - David Peterson