

Acts 16:16-34

- Demon cast out & aftermath
 - 16:16 – as we went to prayer (river with women)
 - 16:17 – unwanted attention, even though true; don't want to be partners with demon
 - Mk. 5:7 – “Most High God” (Jm. 2:19)
 - 16:18 – demon cast out
 - What happened to slave girl? Was she converted?
 - 16:19-24 – brought before magistrates on lies and racism
 - Beaten without trial, thrown in jail
 - In stocks
 - Why did God allow such treatment after sending them to Philippi?
 - 16:25 – Instead of complaining, crying, or cursing, they were praying and singing
 - Prisoners listening
- Earthquake & aftermath
 - 16:26 – Miraculous earthquake; prisoners not crushed in rubble, but freed
 - Jailer different from eunuch, Saul, Cornelius, Lydia.
 - No known background serving God
 - About to take his own life; circumstances made him realize spiritual state
 - Must have known Paul had been preaching, or heard their prayers/singing
 - Contrast v. 24 with 29-30
- Conversion
 - What must I do to be saved?
 - Paul couldn't prevent him from being executed for losing prisoners, but let him know that none had escaped (28)
 - Question must refer to spiritual salvation
 - 16:31 – Believe
 - If faith alone, then why v. 32-33? Why didn't he rejoice immediately?
 - Jailer hadn't believed yet because he didn't know enough to believe...
 - Acts 22:16 – Paul already believed & repented
 - Acts 2:38 – People already believed
 - Belief brings about repentance and obedience
 - 16:32 – Heard gospel, enough for him to believe
 - 33 – same hour of the night; didn't spend weeks learning every detail...
 - 16:33 – Repentance and baptism
 - No delay, votes, etc.
 - Rejoiced afterward