

Taming the Snake



Acts 16:16-40



Temple at Delphi



Acts 16:16 NIV

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."



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ruins of ancient Philippi



Acts 16:18 NIV

She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.



Philippians 2:6-11 NIV

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own
advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself



Therefore God exalted him to the highest
place
and gave him the name that is above every
name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus
Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Acts 16:19-21 NIV

When her owners realized that their hope of
making money was gone, they seized Paul
and Silas and dragged them into the
marketplace to face the authorities. They
brought them before the magistrates and
said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing
our city into an uproar by advocating
customs unlawful for us Romans to accept
or practice."



Acts 16:23-24 NIV

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.



traditional site of Philippi's prison



Acts 16:25 NIV

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.



Acts 16:26 NIV

Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.



Acts 16:27 NIV

The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.



Acts 16:28-31 NIV

But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved —you and your household."



1 Peter 2:24 NIV

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”



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