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# Acts of the Apostles

October 6, 2024

**Acts 16:34** – Jailer brought them into his house & set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to **BELIEVE IN GOD**— he & his whole household.



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# Just for fun





# Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul & Barnabas Divide Iconium, Flee to Lystra & Derbe, – Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then <i>RETURN</i>
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home
Oct 13	17	Believe	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	Together	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	Motives	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x “The Way”
Nov 3	20-21	Commit	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	Witness	Paul—Roman Citizen, Sanhedrin, to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

**Paul, Silas, Timothy, and apparently Luke too ... off to Macedonia's Philippi  
Acts 16 – short version of a tumultuous trip**

# Our Church





# Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen

8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon

9 Conversion of Paul

10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets



**13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome**

13 – 14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas

15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem

**15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul**

18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul

21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem

24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to Rome

You are **HERE**



**13:1 – 14:28 Paul's *FIRST* Missionary Journey**

13:1-12 Cyprus 14:1-7 Iconium

13:13-52 Pisidia Antioch 14:8-28 Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch

**15:1-35 Jerusalem & First Church Council**

**15:36 – 18:22 Paul's *SECOND* Missionary Journey**

15:36 – 16:10 Antioch to Troas

16:11-40 Troas to Philippi

17:1-34 Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens

18:1-22 Athens to Corinth

**18:23 – 21:16 Paul's *THIRD* Missionary Journey**

18:23 – 19:41 Ephesian Pentecost

20:1 – 21:16 Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return

**21:17 – 28:31 Paul in Route to & in Rome**

21:17 – 23:35 In Jerusalem

24:1 – 26:32 In Caesarea

27:1 – 28:15 Voyage to Rome

28:16-31 Ministry in Rome



Jan 7 – Changed Family – Acts 16



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**Roman forum of Philippi, Macedon**  
background are remains of a large Basilica, c. A.D. 550

\* William Ramsay, professor of Humanity at University of Aberdeen,  
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## In his Chapter 2, The Charm of Paul

The life ... of one who has influenced human history so profoundly as St. Paul must be studied afresh by every successive age.

His character is far too ... all-embracing to be comprehended by the age in which he lives & on which he exercised his immediate influence.

He is at once outside and inside it....



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**He has caught in some degree the eternal principles which sweep through all time, and express themselves in momentary, passing form in each successive age.**

**Thus he transcends the limits of time and speaks to all ages; and his words will be differently understood in different ages, for every age finds that they respond to its peculiar questions.**



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## Theme

God uses our influence to lead others to Him.

## Acts 16 Paul's 2nd Missionary: Troas to Philippi

16:11-12 Paul & Co. from Troas to Samothrace, Neapolis, to Philippi

16:13-15 Meet **Lydia** of Thyatira ... Baptize & Dine with Her

16:16-18 Slave Girl Fortune Teller ... Paul Casts Out Demon

16:19-24 Merchant Slave Owners Rally Mob to **Beat & Imprison** Paul & Silas

16:25-28 Paul & Silas SING, Earthquake, Jailer Scared

16:29-32 Jailer BELIEVES and Saved

16:33-34 Jailer Washes Wounds, Invites them Home

16:35-40 Magistrates Ashamed ... **Paul & Silas to Lydia's Home**

1st Leg - Antioch to Lystra

– 300 Miles

2nd Leg - Lystra to Troas

– 500 Miles

3rd Leg - Troas to Philippi

– 270 miles





## **Key Verse Acts – 16:34**

**Jailer brought them into his house  
and set a meal before them;  
he was filled with joy because  
he had come to believe in God—  
he and his whole household.**



**Alternate Title**

# **Jail House ROCK**

**Earthquake Opens Doors at Midnight**





**Alternate Title #2**

**Free at  
LAST**

**Slave Girl – Paul & Silas – Jailer – Lydia**



# Acts 16 – 18 Second Journey – RECAP

**Cross Aegean to Philippi**

**Then to Athens, Corinth**

**Another 400+ Miles**

**Then sails to Ephesus 200+ Miles**

**Then to Jerusalem - bout 650+ Miles**

**Then to Damascus to Antioch - 400 Miles**

**What? ... 2,700+ Miles in ALL**

**Just Three Chapters!  
Acts 15:41 – 18:22  
So Much Missing**





16:6-12 Holy Spirit Guiding ...

vs. 6 – Paul & Co. thru Phrygia & Galatia  
Holy Spirit kept them from Asia.

vs 7 – Spirit of Jesus kept them from Bithynia

vs 8, “So they passed by Mysia ... to Troas.”

vs 9-10 – Paul’s vision of man in Macedonia  
CONCLUDES: God wants them to go there

NOW HEAR THIS ...

16:11 begin the “**WE**” passages – implying Luke is with them

<sup>11</sup> From Troas **WE** put out to sea and sailed ...



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That is commonly assumed to mean  
Author of Acts himself was WITH them  
Dr. Luke joined Paul & Silas  
Now we have the writer himself travelling  
No longer RESEARCH ... this is an

**Eye Witness Report**

vs 11 – Sail to Samothrace then to Neapolis

vs 12, “**WE** traveled to Philippi, Roman colony  
and leading city of that district of Macedonia.  
And we stayed there several days.”





# Acts 16 Paul & Silas head to Troas

From Lystra they cross Asia Minor by Galatia

Along the coast of Marmara Sea to Troas

**OVER the LAND**

Anatolian Plateau - aka, Asia Minor





## Paul & Silas to Philippi

Sail from Troas to Samothrace  
about 60 miles

Sail to Neapolis – 200 miles

Overland to Philippi – 10 miles

Troas to Philippi – 270+ miles

Just like you, I imagine  
the places he stopped

- ✓ Food in ship galleys
- ✓ Church Homes
- ✓ Synagogues
- ✓ Restaurants



← 3rd Journey

← 4th Journey

Miles

200

Mile

400



All 13 letters of Paul say so much about him  
yet it is 2 Corinthians where he spills his guts

2 Cor. 7:5, For when we came into Macedonia,  
we had no rest, but we were harassed  
at every turn—conflicts on the outside,  
f e a r s   w i t h i n .

In sorrowful tones of the highest affection  
In poetic tones exquisite in his tears of LOVE  
Paul goes in 2 Corinthians 8, 9, 10 ... *BEGGING*

9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly  
will also reap sparingly, and  
whoever sows generously will also reap generously.



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2 Corinthians 10:1 to 13:10 ...

Paul defends his Apostleship

2 Cor. 11 ... Paul breaks down ...

2 Cor. 11 ... Paul tells them the **PRICE** he paid

2 Cor. 11 ... Paul **OUTLINES** his toils

2 Cor. 11 ... Paul's Tour de Force of **PAIN**

✓ If any Apostle **EVER** proved his worth ...

✓ If any Apostle **EVER** deserved a hearing ...

✓ If any Apostle **EVER** sacrificed more ...

**NO** other **LOVED** them more



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2 Corinthians 11 ... 5,000 miles of endurance

<sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for Satan himself  
masquerades as an angel of light.

Paul goes on dissecting the “fool” ... then

vv. 22-23, Paul is JEW to his core ... *THEN*

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ?

I am out of my mind to talk like this.

I am more.

I have worked much harder,

*HERE—Paul unloads BOTH Barrels*



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**2 Corinthians 11 ... 5,000 miles of endurance**

**23 I have worked much harder,  
been in prison more frequently,  
been flogged more severely, and  
been exposed to death again and again.**



**24 Five times I received from the Jews  
the forty lashes minus one.**

**25 Three times I was beaten with rods,  
once I was pelted with stones,  
three times I was shipwrecked,  
I spent a night and a day in the open sea,**



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## 2 Corinthians 11 ... 5,000 miles of endurance

<sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move.

I have been in danger from rivers,

- ✓ in danger from bandits,
- ✓ in danger from my fellow Jews,
- ✓ in danger from Gentiles;
- ✓ in danger in the city,
- ✓ in danger in the country,
- ✓ in danger at sea; and
  
- ✓ in danger from false believers.



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2 Cor ... 5,000-plus miles ... *each LINE a story*

<sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and

- ✓ ... without sleep;
- ✓ ... hunger & thirst ...
- ✓ ... cold & naked.

<sup>28</sup> Besides everything else,

I face daily the pressure of ... *of ... of ...*

my concern for all the churches.

**Ladies & Gentlemen ... if you believe your  
Pastor is SINCERE ... then KNOW this**

**Day & Night he *WORRIES* about YOU**



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## At Philippi in Acts 16:13-15

**13 On the Sabbath ... outside the city gate to the river....  
We sat & began to speak to the women....**

**14 One ... from Thyatira named Lydia,  
dealer in purple cloth.... a worshiper of God.....  
Lord opened her heart to Paul's message.**

**15 When she & her household were baptized,  
she invited us to her home. Then she said,  
“If you consider me a believer in the Lord,”  
“come & stay at my house.”**

**And she persuaded us.**

**At Philippi—so much unsaid ... what did he say?  
—She persuaded “**US**”—Luke was with them?**

**Lydia & House FIRST Recorded Converts in Europe**



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# Ancient Philippi



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Paul may have walked  
this very **ROAD** in c. A.D. 60

**Roman forum of Philippi, Macedon**  
background are remains of a large Basilica, c. A.D. 550





# Ancient Philippi

Lot of ruins of a grand city

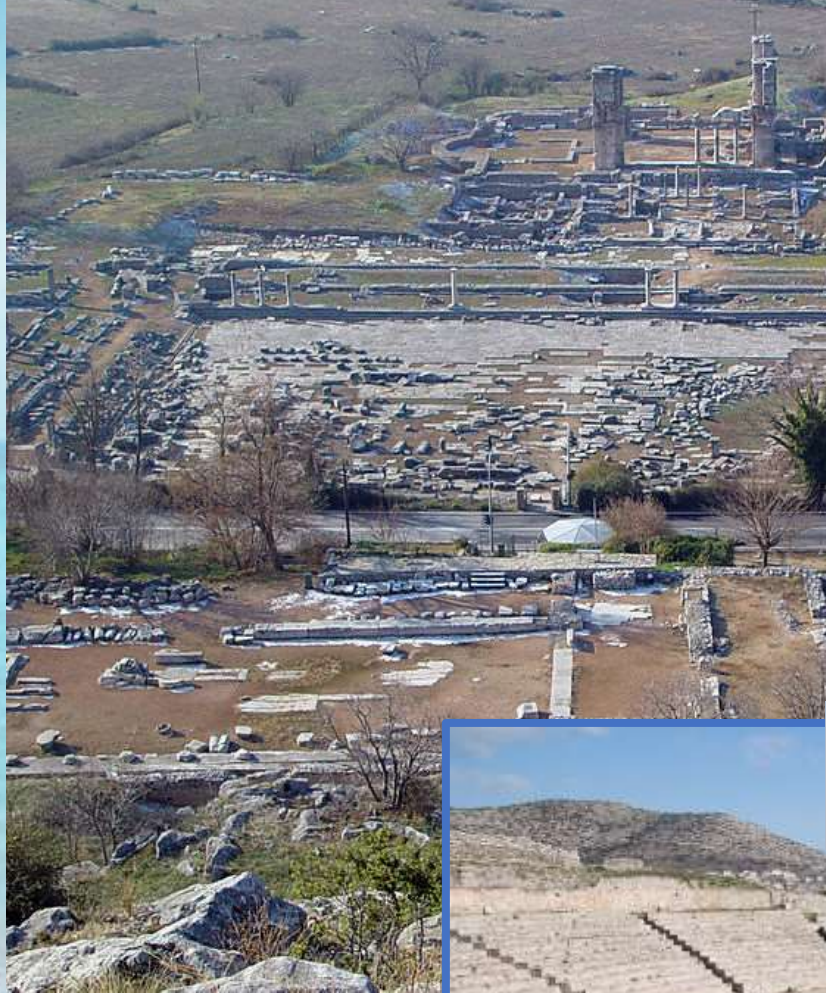
Ancient theater

Originally named  
Krenides “Fountains”

Renamed Philippi by  
Philip II of Macedon  
in 356 BC ...

**Father of Alexander the Great**

A very Greek city ...



Philip II of Macedon  
382–336 BC





16:16-18 Paul & Silas deliver a possessed woman  
She could tell the future ... then followed Paul & Silas

16:17 “These men are servants of the Most High God,  
who are telling you the way to be saved.”

Paul commands the spirit to leave her ... Free at Last  
Money-making **SLAVE woman POSSESSED!**

**Who cares about HER?**

16:19-24 Merchants rally mob to  
**BEAT & JAIL** Paul & Silas

16:25-28 Midnight—Paul & Silas  
praying & singing  
Earthquake & Doors Open





**Not hard  
to imagine**

**If you try**

**Just how  
disgusting**

**A.D. 58-60  
INNER  
Prison cell**

**Shackled  
Feet**



**Here is St Paul's Prison Cell in some Philippi Ruins**



Paul & Silas **SING ... about Midnight**

I can tell you a lot about prison ...

Being INNOCENT in prison ... **Hard to SING**

Earthquake opens doors

Awakens Jailer ... calls for LIGHTS

Jailer draws his sword to KILL himself

Hard to grasp ...

Better die by his own sword

**than face a horrible torturous death for failure**





Jailer is scared ... for his family too

Perhaps they would be SOLD if he was  
not KILLED ... or found dead ... ???????

Jobs are hard to find

Jailer has a family ... who KNOWS his story

Maybe he was a **Wounded Soldier**  
and NO longer FIT for military service

Or a soldier **retired** ... to prison duty ...

Maybe he was **NEVER** fit for service

Maybe the **ONLY job** he knew ... **SCARED!**



ΦΥΛΑΚΗ ΑΓ. ΠΑΥΛΟΥ  
PRISON ST' PAUL





16:34 Jailer brought them into his house  
and set a meal before them;  
he was filled with joy because  
he had come to believe in God—  
he and his whole household.

## Free at Last



At daylight, the magistrates ... *ooooops*

Find out Paul & Silas were Roman Citizens

They do what **ALL CORRUPT**, selfish magistrates do

**Cover Up**



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**Paul ain't havin' it ...**

*Maness Loose-leaf interpretation*

Paul says let the **KNUCKLEHEAD** Magistrates themselves escort them out of jail ...

Love that Apostle Paul ... **HONORABLE**

Magistrates **BEG** Paul to NOT file charges

**16:40 After Paul & Silas came out of prison,**

**they went to Lydia's Home, where**

**they met with the brothers and sisters**

**and encouraged them**



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# Lydia of Thyatira

## Dealer in Purple

by Virginia Haynes

