

**Acts 16**  
**2nd Journey**  
**Part #2**



**Philippi**

Greece

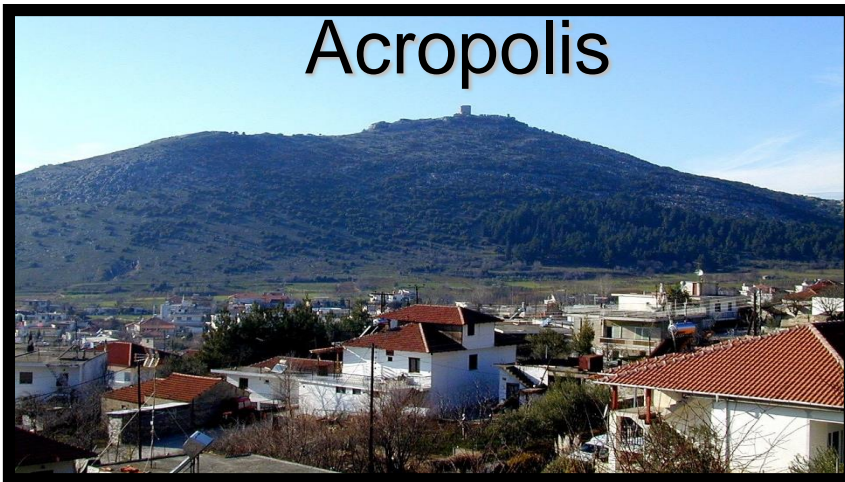
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Israel

**16:12 From there [Neapolis] to Philippi**

# The Baptism of Lydia (Acts 16 : 11-15)

16:12 Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony.

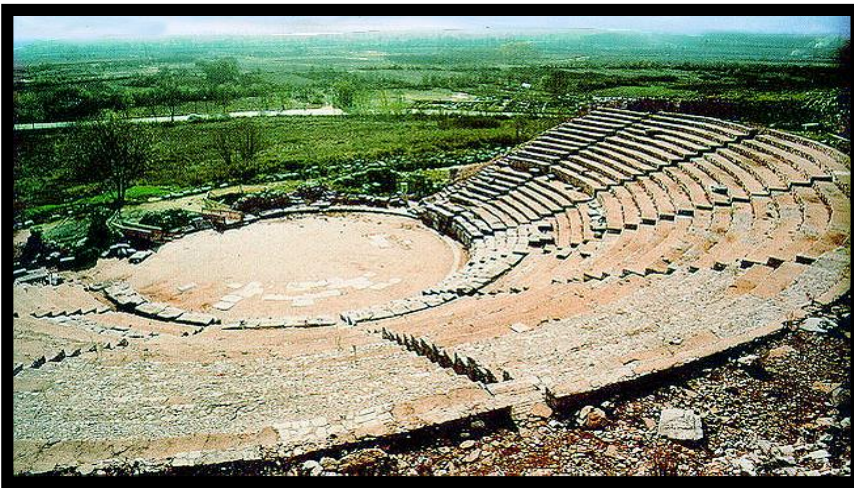


Philippi was essentially a military colony, composed mostly of Roman citizens transplanted here to protect & defend the interests of the mother city. They were tied to Rome by the rights of citizenship, cherished above all else.

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16:12 Philippi ... a leading city ..

Features of the Roman Colony: *Philippi*



Theater for public culture



Restrooms for comfort

These were features all over the Roman Empire

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Features of the Roman Colony: *Philippi*



Egnatian way. The main artery from *Rome* thru  
5 Philippi to the East



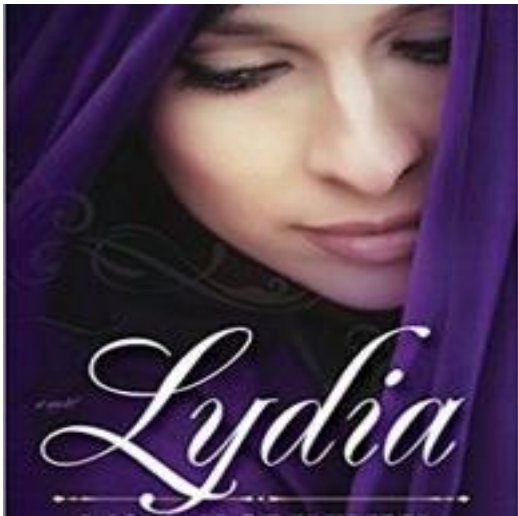
Traditional Prison of the apostle Paul in Philippi.  
(Acts 16:23)

# The Baptism of Lydia (Acts 16 : 11-15)

16:14 A certain woman named Lydia from the city of Thyatira a seller of purple cloth. ESV



# The Baptism of Lydia (Acts 16 : 11-15)



16:14 A certain woman named Lydia,  
... a worshipper of God was  
listening & the *Lord opened*  
her heart to respond to the  
things spoken by Paul

***God works through His word***

Mat 13:15 People closed their eyes

John 12:40 God closed people's eyes

Isa 6:9-10 Closed thru preaching the Word

# The Baptism of Lydia (Acts 16 : 11-15)

16:15 She and her household were baptized

## *The Philippi River*

How would you argue against infant baptism using ..

*Acts 2:38 Repent*  
*Mk 16:15-16 Believes*



- She had a house in that city (v. 15)
- She had a trade in costly purple garments (v. 14)
- But she closed shop & worshipped on Sabbath (v.13)



# The Baptism of Lydia (Acts 16 : 11-15)


16:16 Certain slave girl with a spirit of divination

- This case is of an actual demon possession (*not a psychic hotline fake*).
- The person is an unfortunate pagan, (*not a baptized believer.*)
- No hype was needed to cast the demon out, (*just one command.*)
- No tolerance of her even when she spoke truth . (*didn't fellowship perversion.*)



# The Conversion of the Jailer (Acts 16 : 16-40)

Acts 16:20 These men are throwing our city into confusion, being JEWS and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being ROMANS



*The Romans would allow foreigners to worship their own god, but [only if] that the Worship of foreign gods would not interfere with the allowed worship of the Romans, and so that occasion for dissension and controversy might be avoided. (Barnes)*

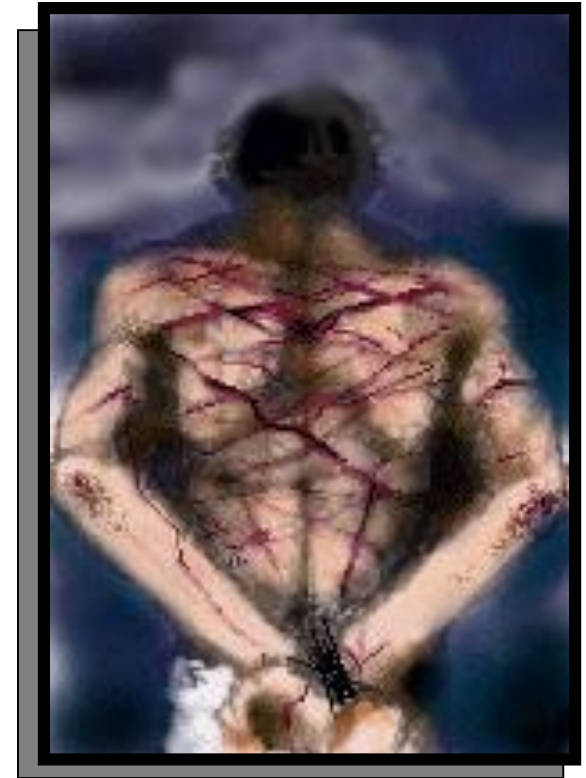
*It was unlawful among the Romans to recommend a new religion to the citizens, contrary to what was confirmed and established by the public authority, & to call off the people from that. (Barnes' Notes)*

# The Conversion of the Jailer (Acts 16 : 16-40)

22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief *magistrates* tore their robes off them & proceeded to order them to be **BEATEN WITH RODS**.

“**Beaten**”

Rab-did'-zein— to striking with a stick, or club.

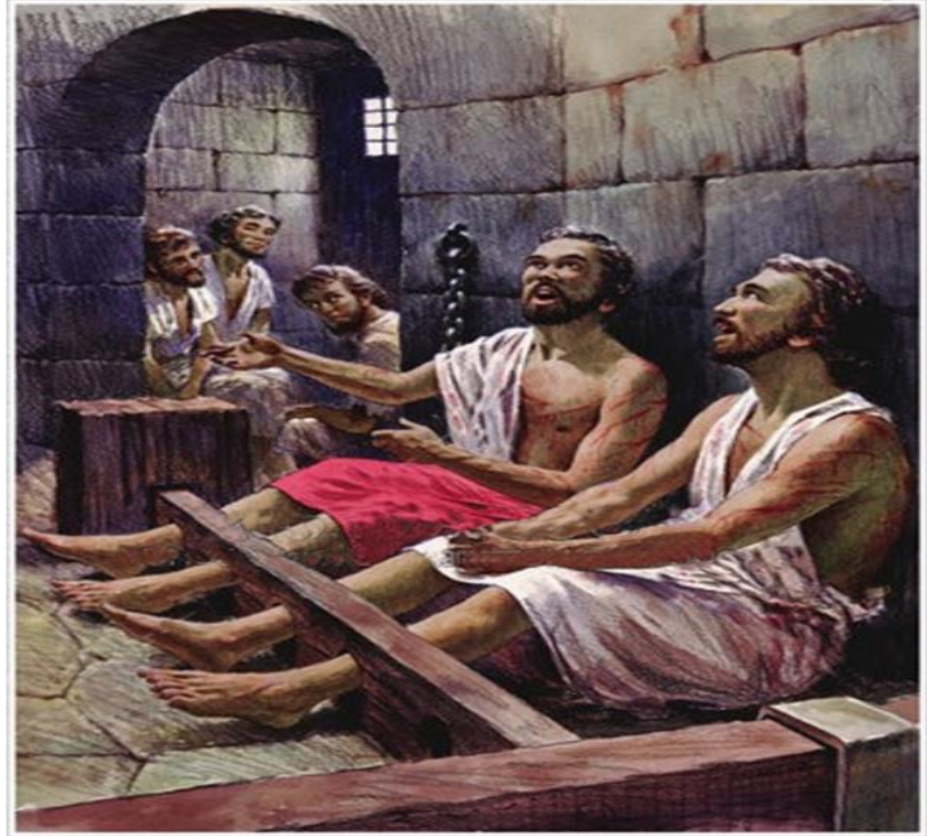


Paul would later say: “**Three times** I was beaten with rods” (2 Cor 11:25)

# The Conversion of the Jailer (Acts 16 : 16-40)

Acts 16:24-25 Jailer...  
threw them into the  
inner prison & fastened  
their *feet in the stocks*.

25 But about midnight  
Paul and Silas were  
praying and *singing*  
*hymns of praise* to God  
& the prisoners were  
listening to them.



Beaten, Imprisoned  
your feet in stocks,  
and now it's midnight?

What would  
We be doing?

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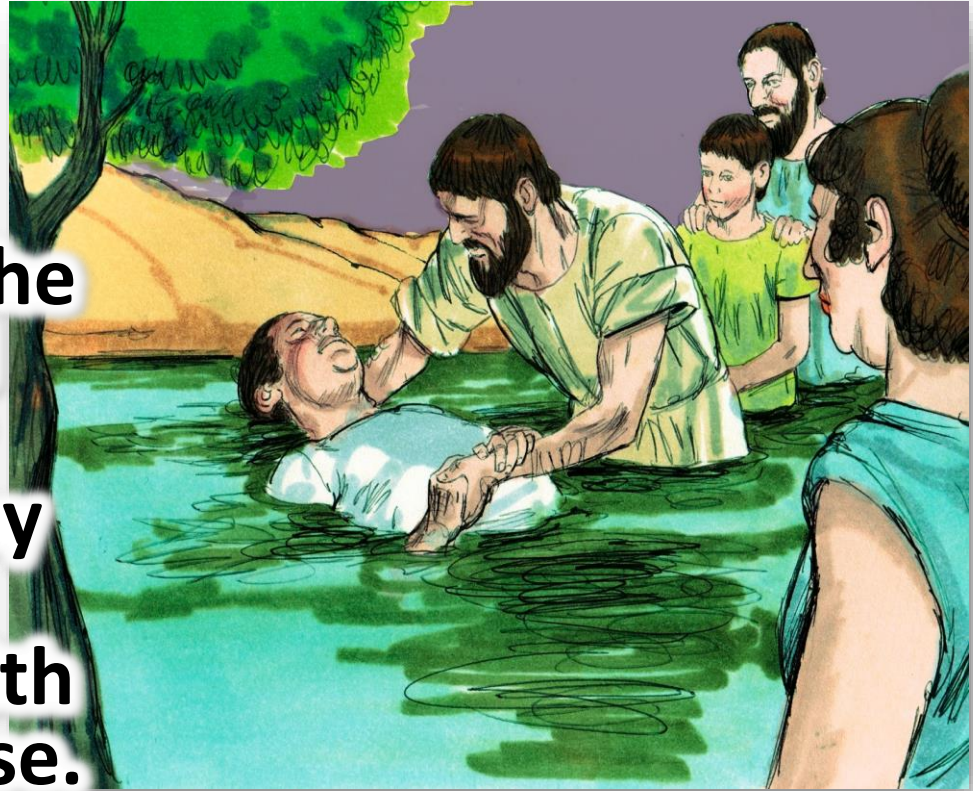
Acts 16:26 And suddenly there came a **great earthquake**, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the **doors were opened**, and everyone's chains were unfastened.

**27** And when the jailer had been roused out of sleep & had **seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself**, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

# The Conversion of the Jailer (Acts 16 : 16-40)

Acts 16:30-34 *What must I do to be saved?*

*They said,* " Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they *spoke the word* of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.



33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was *baptized*, he and all his household.