

## Acts 16:16-34 – Miracles

**Miracles: 'An extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine agency: "the miracle of rising from the grave".'**  
(Wikipedia)

- Read the **Book of Acts**! It will take you about 2 hours!
- Conversion of Lydia – **Acts 16:11-15** – 'The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message' (**v.14**) – first European convert.
- Opposition to Paul – slave girl who could predict the future. Paul commanded the spirit to come out of her – and it did, immediately!  
**A MIRACLE!**
- Paul and Silas are thrown into prison after false charges are made against them.
- ❖ Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God, with the other prisoners listening in! Joy in the midst of suffering – **another MIRACLE!**

**Acts 5:41 - 'They left the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name of Jesus.'**

**Acts 5:42 - 'Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.'**

↓ A *TIMELY* earthquake, freed the prisoners – **A MIRACLE!**

**\*\*'WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?' 'BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS'\*\***

**JESUS IS LORD - Rom.10:9 – 'If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'**

That's the message that is repeated again and again in Acts – and many come to believe and the church grows! **And that's a MIRACLE – God is at work!**



**Acts 2:38 - 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 3,000 believed and were saved that day!'**

**Acts 3:19 - 'Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.'**

**Acts 4:12 - 'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'**

**Acts 5:14 - 'More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.'**

**Acts 2:42 - Peter at Pentecost - 'And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**

**Acts 2:46, after Pentecost - 'And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.'**

**Romans 10:3 - 'Everyone who calls in the name of the Lord will be saved'.**

**Ephesians 2:5 - 'It is by grace you have been saved'.**

✓ **And each conversion, each person saved, is a MIRACLE!**

❖ **How should we pray? Acts 11:21 - 'The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.'**