

Unique Encounters (Part 2)

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The Accusations:

1. These men are Jews
2. These men are disturbing the city
3. These men are advocating unlawful customs

Their Treatment:

1. The crowds attacked
2. The magistrates stripped off their garments and beat them
3. They were thrown into prison

Paul and Silas' Response: Persecution is an opportunity for praise!

Divine Intervention: A great earthquake

A lesson: God is able to intervene and transform any situation

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God used a crisis to bring the jailer to himself

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The Intervention: Paul shouts at him to stop

The Investigation: He investigated the jail

He asked the question: "What must I do to be saved?"

The Invitation: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

Two critical truths must be embraced

1. Believe in who Jesus is
2. Believe in what Jesus has done

Evidences of Conversion

- He washed their wounds
- He was baptized at once and all his household
- They fellowshiped together over food
- They rejoiced together in their new faith

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Paul demands justice. What should we learn?

1. Everyone will face a crisis
 - We must be prepared to share Christ in the midst of their crisis
2. Do not fear persecution: Persecution sets the stage for God to demonstrate his power

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