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21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

<u>22</u> And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

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(2) A Captive Sinner Saved, 16:16-24

(a) A Slave Girl, 16:16-17

i. Held by the Cruel Chains of Slavery, 16:16a "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain ...met us, which brought her masters much gain..."

ii. Held by the Cruel Chains of Satan, 16:16b-17

Her Demonic Possession, 16:16b "…a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:" Mark 1:24 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

Mark 3:11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

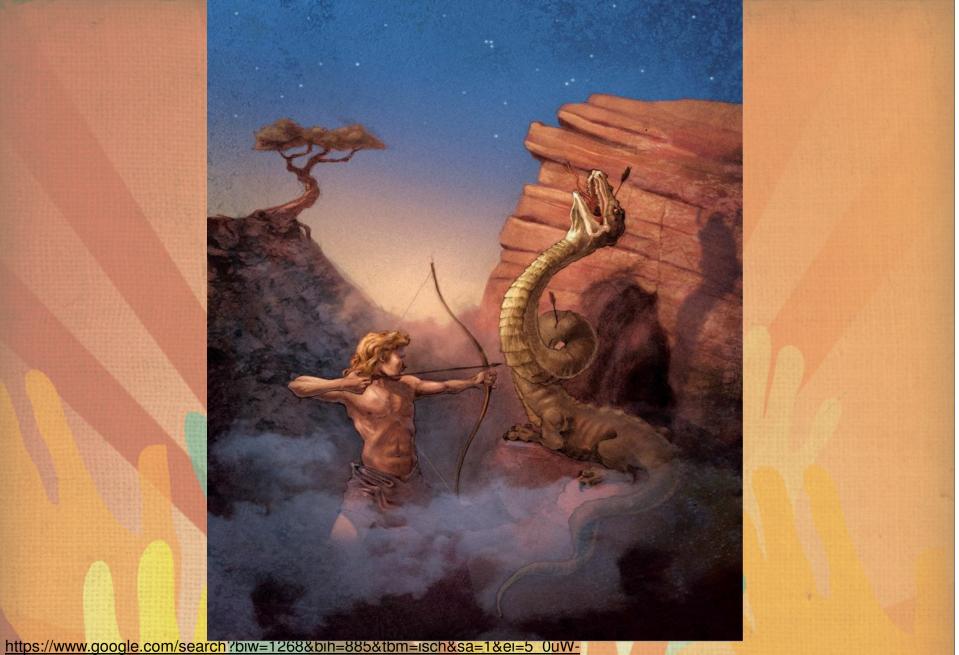
Luke 4:34 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Luke 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

πνεῦμα Πύθωνος

Original Word: Πύθων Transliteration: puthón Definition: a divining spirit, Python, called after the Pythian serpent said to have guarded the oracle at Delphi and been slain by Apollo. http://biblehub.com/greek/4436.htm

"The Python was a mythical serpent or dragon that guarded the temple and oracle of Apollo, located on the southern slope of Mount Parnassus to the north of the Gulf of Corinth. It was supposed to have lived at the foot of Mount Parnassus and to have eventually been killed by Apollo (cf. Strabo Geography 9.3.12). Later the word python came to mean a demon-possessed person through whom the Python spoke—even a ventriloquist was thought to have such a spirit living in his or her belly (cf. Plutarch De Defectu Oraculorum 9.414)." Longenecker, Richard N.. "The Acts of the Apostles." In John-Acts. Vol. 9 of The Expositor's Bible Commentary. 12 vols. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelein and J. D. **Douglas.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981. p. 462.



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Her Demonic Perception, 16:17

<u>Acts 16:17</u> The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

(b) A Saving Gospel, 16:18

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(c) A Savage Grudge, 16:19-24

i. Paul and Silas Seized, 16:19

<u>Acts 16:19</u> And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

ii. Paul and Silas Slandered, 16:20-21

- The Racist Charge, 16:20a "And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews..."
- The Riot Charge, 16:20b "...do exceedingly trouble our city,"
- The Religious Charge, 16:21

Acts 16:21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

iii. Paul and Silas Sentenced, 16:22

<u>Acts 16:22</u> And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

iv. Paul and Silas Scourged, 16:23

<u>Acts 16:23</u> And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

v. Paul and Silas Secured, 16:24

Acts 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Conclusion

<u>2 Cor. 11:23</u> Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. <u>24</u> Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. <u>25</u> Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

<u>26</u> *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; <u>27</u> In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. <u>28</u> Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Gal. 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world....

<u>17</u> From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.