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27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

- <u>32</u> And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
- 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
- <u>34</u> And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

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After they arrived in Philippi, the first European convert was made, Lydia, the seller of purple. "...then came Amalek..." when the "slave girl" got saved.

After the merchants lost income, a riot ensued and Paul and Silas end up beaten and in jail. This is where the narrative is picked up tonight.

(3) A Callous Sinner Saved, 16:25-40

(a) Miracles at Midnight, 16:25-34

i. A Spectacular Miracle, 16:25-29

A Saint Singing, 16:25

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Isa. 30:29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night *when* a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

Job 35:10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

Psa. 16:7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Psa. 17:3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

Psa. 42:8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

Psa. 77:6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

A Stronghold Shaken, 16:26

<u>Acts 16:26</u> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

- A Suicide Saved, 16:27-29
 - What He Feared, 16:27

Acts 16:27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. • What He Found, 16:28-29

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ii. A Spiritual Miracle, 16:30-34

- Belief, 16:30-32
 - The Gospel Pressed Home to the Jailer's Heart, 16:30-31

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. • The Gospel Pressed Home to the Jailer's Household, 16:32

Acts 16:32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

 Brotherhood, 16:33a "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes..."

 Baptism, 16:33b "...and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."

• Blessing, 16:34

<u>Acts 16:34</u> And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Conclusion

Rom. 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

<u>22</u> Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

<u>25</u> Whom God hath set forth *to be* **a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

<u>26</u> To declare, *I say*, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be just, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**.