

Converts in Philippi Acts 16

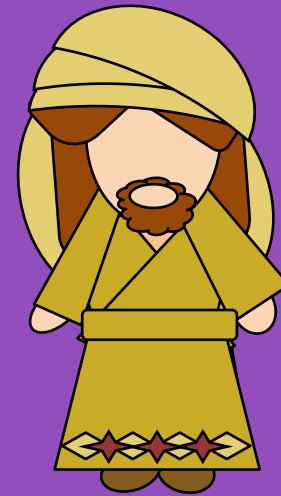


Paul's Companions

First Mission



Barnabas Acts 11:30



John Mark
Acts 12:25

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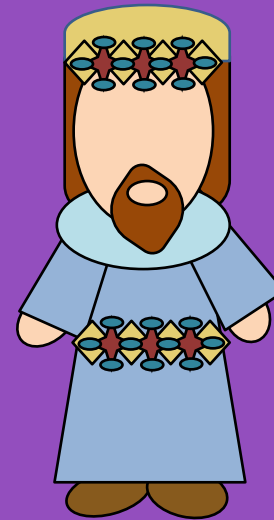
2nd Mission



Luke joins
them later



Silas Acts 15:40



Timotheus (Timothy) Acts
16:1-4

Paul's 2nd Mission

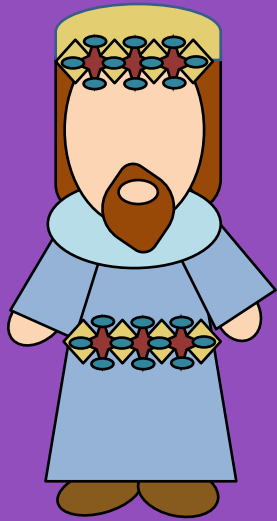


Paul is inspired to return to the cities he taught on his first mission



Paul chooses Silas as his companion

Acts 15:36-41

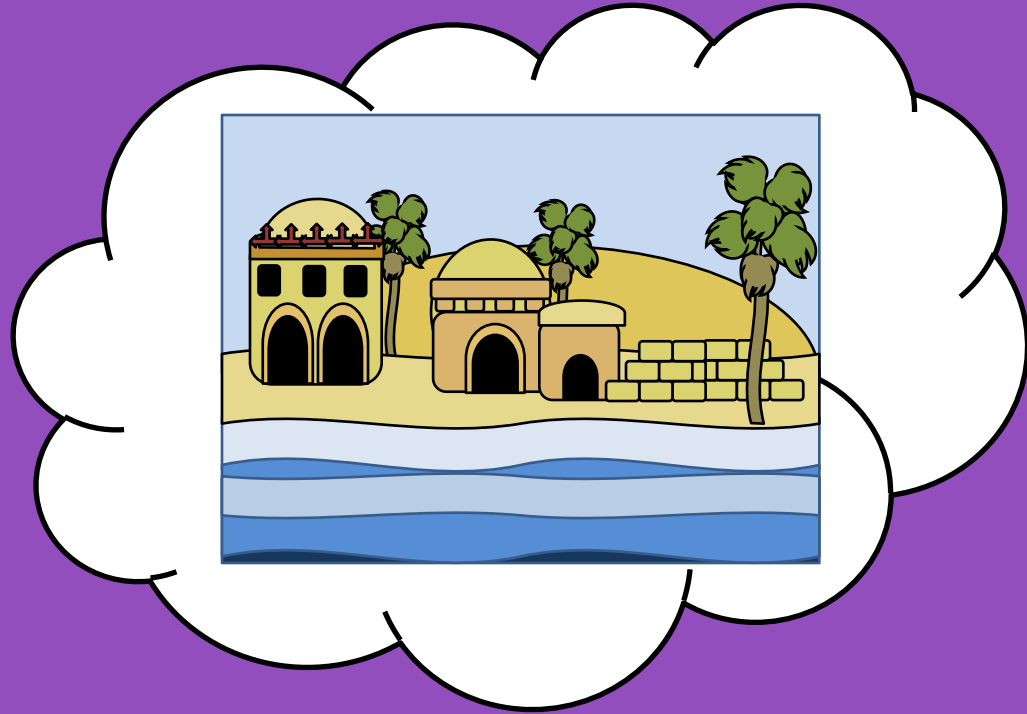


While in Derbe and
Lystra they meet
Timothy

The church
increases in
numbers daily.

Acts 16:1, 5

Paul's Vision



The Lord calls them
to preach in
Macedonia

Acts 16:1, 5

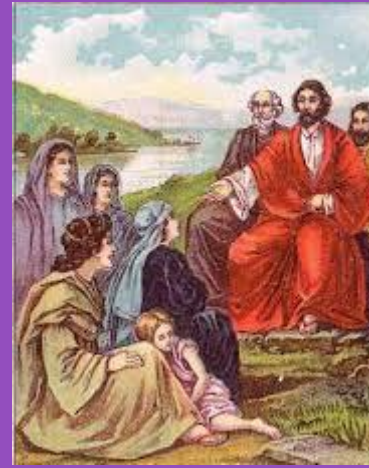
Paul, Silas, and Timothy



They end up in
Philippi a chief city
of Macedonia

Acts 16:12

Sabbath Day—no synagogue



They went to the
river side and sat
down and spoke to
the women

Acts 16:13

Lydia—a seller of Purple

Dyer of purple cloth



The Lord had
opened her heart

Acts 16:14

Lydia—a seller of Purple



Lydia and her household is converted and baptized and invites the missionaries to stay in her household

Acts 16:15



Traditional site of where Lydia was baptized

“Spirit of Divination”



She foretold of
“These men” being
servants of the most
high God. She told a
truth



The missionaries
encounter a “certain
damsel possessed”

She brought her
masters much gain
by “soothsaying”

Acts 16:17

“Spirit of Divination”



Paul recognized that she had a truth but it came from the wrong source.



“...But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”

Acts 16:18

Why Cast out her gift?

It is important for us to understand **why** this woman's actions grieved Paul so.

This spirit claimed to know certain truths of God and to "prophecy" about them, but it was the **wrong spirit**.

Someone can say something that is *true*, but *still be* demonically inspired.

Paul was able to discern *the spirit operating behind those words*. This is why God tells us to test the spirits (1 John 4:1).

Even *truths* spoken in the wrong spirit is not the "Way of the Lord"

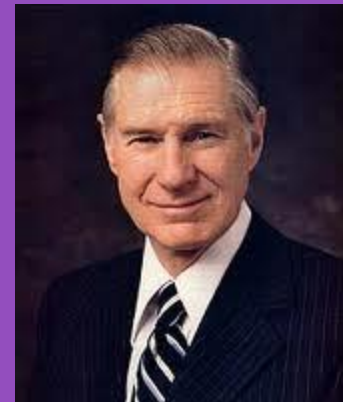


1 John 4:1

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Spirit of divination

“It is not good practice to become intrigued by Satan and his mysteries. No good can come from getting close to evil. The only safe course is to keep well distanced from him and any of his wicked activities or nefarious practices. The mischief of devil worship, sorcery, casting spells, witchcraft, voodooism, black magic, and all other forms of demonism should be avoided like the plague.”



James E. Faust

These days we really need to be careful about everything we see and hear. It can seem spiritual, knowledgeable, and even mention an actual truth we are sure of. But, that does not mean it is leading us in God's truths. The only way we will ever be able to figure out if we're being misled is to actually become grounded in God's word.

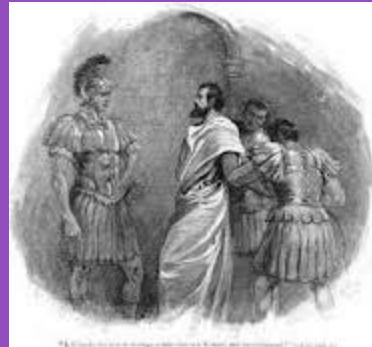
“For I say unto you that whatsoever is good cometh from God, and whatsoever is evil cometh from the devil”

Alma 5:40

Paul and Silas are thrown in Prison



They are taken
before the rulers and
beaten



A jailor is put in
charge of them and
“made feet fast in
the stocks.”



Acts 16:22-24

Singing Praises at midnight



They sang praises
and other prisoners
heard



There was a great
earthquake and
foundation of prison
shaken and doors were
opened and their bands
were loosed

Acts 16:25-26

“Do Thyself No Harm”



The keeper of the prison saw the doors opened and knew he would be punished for this so he drew out his sword to kill himself



Acts 16:27-34

“What must I do to be saved?”



The jailor fell on his knees and believed on their words.

He washed their wounds and was baptized and his household

Missionaries in Prison

Acts 16:23-40

Alma 14:17-29

Helaman 5:21-52

Paul and Silas

Alma and Amulek

Nephi and Lehi

Praising and
Singing

Judged and questioned

Crying repentance

Other prisoners
hear

Broke free of cords with strength
from the Lord

Other prisoners hear

Pillar of fire surrounds
them

Earthquake

Earthquake

Earthquakes and
darkness

Foundation falters
and Bands
loosened

Walls rent in twain and fell to
earth

Wall falls

All slain except Alma and Amulek

Jailor and
household
converted

Fear came and people fled

Aminadab recognizes the
Spirit

Missionaries continued their
mission and baptized Zeezrom in
the next city

About 300 “Convinced”

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