

# Sermon Notes

**SERVICE TITLE: Obstacles for joyful salvation**

**Bible Reading: Acts 16v25-34**

Talk 1:

Obstacles or Opportunities?

## **1. The Setting (v 25)**

- Religious freedom lost
- worshipping

Talk 2:

## **2. The Shake-up (v 26-27)**

## **3. The Salvation Spoken (v 28-34)**

### **Questions to think about and discuss at home:**

For Under 5s: Do you trust Jesus?

For 5-11s: What does Jesus need to save you from?

For 11-14s: Have you been baptised?

For Everyone: Have you been baptised?

## Service Outline for Children

### Bible Reading (Acts 16:25-34)

What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight?

What reaction did the jailer have when he saw that the prison doors were open?

What question did the jailer ask?

How did Paul and Silas reply?

### Talk 1:

Q1: How would you feel about being sent to prison just because you were talking about Jesus?

Q2: Do you pray to God and praise God when bad things happen?

### Talk 2:

Q1: What do you think Paul and Silas felt like during the earthquake?

Q2: Why did the jailer need to get baptised?

## Engage Notes for Young People

### Read Acts 16v25-34

Q – What was the jailer’s problem? (v25-27)

If your prisoners escape, you get executed. So you’re face to face with your own death. But Paul and the other prisoners haven’t run away...

Q – What did the jailer want to know? (v30)

You’ve come close to dying – and you don’t like it. You know these guys are telling people “the way to be saved”, but what is it? What do you need to be saved from eternal death?

Q – What does Paul tell the jailer? (v31)

Q – How do you react? (v33-34)

Q – Why is knowing Jesus good news for you?

Knowing Jesus brings release from the power of evil; and release from the fear of death.

Q – What happened to Paul and Silas? (v22-24)

Q – How did Paul and Silas react? (v25)

After all they’d been through, Paul and Silas were still praising God and looking to tell others about His Son! They didn’t see prison as a problem; they saw it as a possibility to tell more people the good news.

Q – How does Paul and Silas’ example encourage and challenge you today?

Wordsearch

262. PAUL AND SILAS ARE IMPRISONED  
(ACTS 16:16-40)

C J N O I T A V L A S V B U X  
G A H Y B P G A L R L W Y R H  
J P B V G O D U E R Y B D B A  
O N J F V B A T C G F P E M R  
B C D D W P S K C N B F V K O  
F H E Q Z A E J T I O A A S M  
O A Y D M E A A B G W B S I A  
B I O P F A R I W N B E B L N  
V N N R O Q T L R I C G A A S  
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ANNOYED  
BEATEN  
CHAINS  
EARTHQUAKE  
GOD  
HYMNS

JAILOR  
MASTERS  
PAUL  
PRAYER  
PRISON  
PROFIT

ROMANS  
SALVATION  
SAVED  
SILAS  
SINGING  
SLAVE



## Puzzles

# 262. PAUL AND SILAS ARE IMPRISONED (ACTS 16:16-40)

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household.' "*  
ACTS 16:31

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, 'These men are the (ENEMIES, SERVANTS) of the the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.' " ACTS 16:17
2. "When her masters saw that their hope for profit was gone, they (SEIZED, THANKED) Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities." ACTS 16:19

### TRUE OR FALSE:

3. Then the multitude rose up together for them; and the magistrates put on their best clothes and commanded them to be fed a feast. ACTS 16:22

TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

4. "Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were (LOOSED, TIGHTENED)." ACTS 16:26

### TRUE OR FALSE:

5. "And he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' " ACTS 16:30

TRUE OR FALSE

6. "So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.' "  
ACTS 16:31

TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

7. "So the keeper of the prison reported the words to Paul, saying, 'The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore (STAY, DEPART), and go in peace.' " ACTS 16:36

### TRUE OR FALSE:

8. "So they went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed." ACTS 16:40

TRUE OR FALSE

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