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Chapter 16. Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. Verse 2. Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, NLT

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Verse 3. so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek. Verse 4. Then they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. NLT

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Verse 5. So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day. Verse 6. Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Verse 7. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province

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



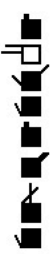
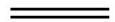



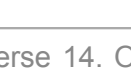


















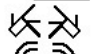




















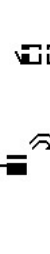




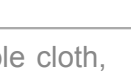


of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. Verse 8. So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. Verse 9. That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" NLT

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Verse 10. So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there. Verse 11. We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis.

























































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Verse 12. From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days. Verse 13. On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. NLT

                                 	                                 	                                 	                                 
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Verse 14. One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. Verse 15. She was baptized along with other members of her household,

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


















































and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed. Verse 16. One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met



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




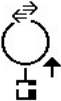






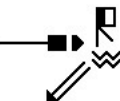











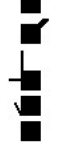




















a demon-possessed slave girl. She was a fortune-teller who earned a lot of money for her masters. Verse 17. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved." Verse 18. This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon

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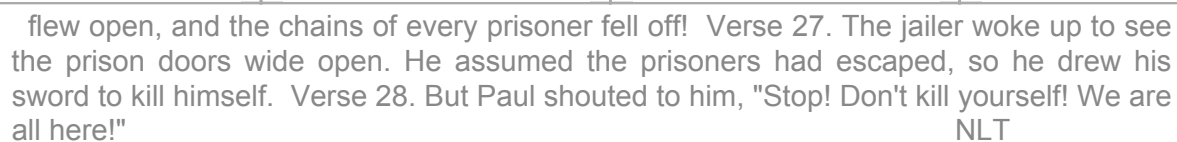
             	             	             	             
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Verse 21. "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice." Verse 22. A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. Verse 23. They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer

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



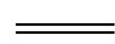




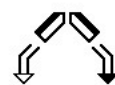












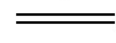



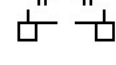


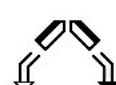


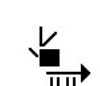






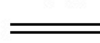




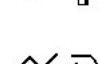



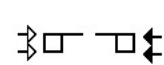












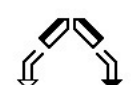




      	           	            	            
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was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. Verse 24. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. Verse 25. Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Verse 26. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately







































































































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Verse 29. The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Verse 30. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Verse 31. They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus

           	                   	                    	             
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and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." Verse 32. And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Verse 33. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. NLT

                                            	                                            	                                            	                                            
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Verse 34. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God. Verse 35. The next morning the city officials sent the police to tell the jailer, "Let those men go!" Verse 36. So the jailer told Paul, "The city officials have said

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you and Silas are free to leave. Go in peace." Verse 37. But Paul replied, "They have publicly beaten us without a trial and put us in prison -- and we are Roman citizens. So now they want us to leave secretly? Certainly not! Let them come themselves to release us!"

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Verse 38. When the police reported this, the city officials were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. Verse 39. So they came to the jail and apologized to them. Then they brought them out and begged them to leave the city. Verse 40. When Paul and Silas left the prison, they returned to the home of Lydia. There they met with the believers and encouraged them once more. Then they left town.

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