

Chapter 16 (11 -15)

We went to a number of towns in Macedonia. In Philippi, the Jews had no prayer hall. They met on the river bank. We went there one Sabbath and preached to the women who were meeting there. One of these women was Lydia. The Lord opened her heart to what Paul was saying.

She and her whole household were baptized.

Jesus, open the hearts of more people to accept your word

Chapter 16 (16 - 24)

One day we met a slave girl who made a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes.

The girl followed us each day shouting "These are the servants of God".

Paul said to the spirit possessing her "I order you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to leave her".

The spirit immediately left her, but her owners were angry that she could no longer tell fortunes.

The owners seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to court, saying to the magistrate "These people are causing a disturbance in our city".

A crowd supported the owners in calling for their punishment. They were given many lashes and put into prison with their feet in irons.

Jesus, please help Christians who are suffering in prison because they announced your message